

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 3 December 2020

The **SPEAKER** (Hon. J.B. Teague) 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.

Motions

CORONAVIRUS, STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (11:01): I move:

That Private Members Business, Committees and Subordinate Legislation, Notices of Motion, be postponed and taken into consideration after the notice of motion appearing on the *Notice Paper* to establish a select committee into and report upon the state government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yesterday, in accordance with agreed protocols between the government, the opposition and the crossbench, I gave notice of a motion to establish a select committee of the house. The contingent motion I now move, if supported by the house, would allow debate on that proposition to occur today. Because the substantive notice of motion I propose to move calls for the creation of a select committee, today is really the first time it could be debated and, because today is the last day of sitting for 2020, today is also the last opportunity to act, which is why we must pass this contingent motion now to have the debate today.

So 2020 has been an interesting year in the truest sense of the Chinese curse. I am merely the messenger for hundreds of thousands of people across the state who have felt the brunt and continue to feel the effects of so much that has happened. Across the course of the year, I think everyone—in this parliament, in both this house and the other place, and across the state—has been willing to accept the advice we have been given and acknowledge the efforts of the frontline workers, health professionals and health department workers who continue their unstinting efforts on our behalf. Because paying heed to the government-led response might be all we could do, we have actually done it.

Members recognise pandemic responses need quick and decisive action, and we have all been happy to afford the government full licence to do that. This has included passing urgent COVID-19 bills without briefings beforehand and accepting limits placed on parliamentary sittings and operations to pass the state budget, which delivers a record deficit. In doing so, members have still asked questions and applied scrutiny, as the public would expect of us.

We have all chosen to put aside politicking and place our trust, as does the public of South Australia, in the team delivering the response under the leadership of the Premier. The events of recent weeks, however, have focused our thinking on questions bigger, the questions being asked of us in our communities—questions and concerns deserving of consideration at the highest levels, but not just by the highest levels, which must be addressed.

I know members are being approached by constituents and members of the wider public in our electorates and beyond profoundly alarmed and concerned by some of the events of recent weeks and some that have been lingering for a little longer. For instance, bakeries who thought recently they were on the list to be able to bake bread found themselves shut down by police after baking all night—try pivoting in a situation like that. Hospitality businesses from small cafes to large hotels, just getting into a new rhythm, threw out any hope of recovery on very little notice and were unable to stock up when things U-turned again very sharply. People wanting to walk dogs rightly got the go-ahead very quickly, but the lifeblood and income of the businesses that sustain us did not.

Growing numbers of South Australians are concerned about the processes that lead to decisions being taken, concerned there are not enough voices around the table, concerned some things need to change and concerned about how future decisions will be made and what lessons are being learnt as we work to establish a new normal. That is why there needs to be an opportunity to evaluate all that has happened, and the select committee the substantive notice of motion proposes will achieve this if it is supported by the house. Today is the first and last opportunity—

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Point of order: while all the points the member is making are very important, they are not actually directed to whether or not we should suspend standing orders for this purpose.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The debate on the motion is akin in some ways to a debate on the suspension of standing orders. It is not quite the same. There is a degree of latitude. I am listening carefully to the member for Florey. The member for Florey has the call.

Ms BEDFORD: Today is the first and last opportunity, indeed the only chance, for this house to show the public we, their elected representatives, are in this with the government before we rise for an eight-week summer recess.

This week, we have seen significant number of lockdown restrictions wound back, although not completely, and that of course is welcome. Even so, the Parafield cluster remains a concern. Most of us are familiar with the oft-repeated truism about a week being a long time in politics. Well, the past two weeks have certainly shown the same could be said for living through a pandemic, therefore the next eight weeks while parliament is not sitting will be an age.

Over the past two weeks, we have stood with our leaders as they continue to do their best, but we have heard mixed messages and seen corrections that are beginning to be confusing. Messaging must be better, particularly around the introduction of QR codes, which are a long way off from being user-friendly and user-ready. This is where a fresh set of eyes from members of parliament could be a conduit to the communities we all know so well.

What is perhaps most concerning, though, is we still do not know exactly how this outbreak started. It has been a rollercoaster ride and has exposed concerns that must be addressed. It is little wonder members have had questions and concerns raised with them by businesses, workers and other groups in our communities worried about consistency. Even if that is not possible, we need to understand what is known and have it put to us in calm, reasoned language. It has been good to see that, when people have made mistakes, they have been owned and addressed as quickly as possible without any real loss of face, so I say honesty is truly the best policy.

As we all know, today is the last sitting day of this parliament ahead of the eight-week recess. The fact so many South Australians have raised questions and concerns, and the fact the Parafield cluster remains a live issue, makes it imperative this parliament acts today to allay concern. We do not know what is ahead, so we cannot afford to wait. We can get this committee started and perhaps avert problems, as we might have had the report of the Victorian Hotel Quarantine Inquiry been read and lessons learned.

As the member for Mount Gambier pointed out in his eloquent and heartfelt grievance on Tuesday, if we do not take action this week when we return in eight weeks' time businesses and family businesses employing thousands across the state will no longer be operating, businesses here in the CBD will be gone and longstanding operators throughout the suburbs will vanish, as will the jobs they sustain.

Members of the crossbench heard this week from the hotel industry, which has said that without change to the current density rules we can expect many hospitality businesses to close up permanently and soon. With 26,000 direct jobs in this sector alone, this is a risk we cannot take and ignore at our peril.

With confusion and an uncertain future, it is clear we need more ways for ideas and suggestions to reach decision-makers, ideas from those who know firsthand what the consequences will be—while it is impossible for this knowledge across so many sectors to be at the table—helping to make crucial decisions. In short, we need to have many hands to ease the task and all hands on deck.

Today is the first and last chance to get this new approach started—to name a committee and to get them to work—assisting and guiding us all through the uncertain times ahead. By passing this contingency motion and enabling debate on the substantive motion, this parliament can represent the people we are here to serve, assert the right to be heard and provide democratic

oversight to the executive government while also bringing the collective energy and effort of the house to support the government response.

Without this debate and without this inquiry, the burden of the workload of the next eight weeks will not be shared, and while we continue to do our best to support you it will be harder than it needs to be. Lives will be changed forever and opportunities could be lost. We will not be able to do our job properly. The experience and collective wisdom of the members of this place and the people we represent will continue to be ignored, as there is no other way for concerns to be considered before rather than after avoidable situations arise.

I know concerns about the confusion of recent weeks is shared by members on all sides of the house, and I commend those members who have raised their concerns. It would be a shame if any members were to be subjected to any repercussions because they raised the concerns of their constituents. Having an opinion can be very useful and should not be viewed in a hostile way.

So, to members who share the concerns we have about where we might be going as a state in the next eight weeks, I encourage you to support this contingent motion to enable the debate to even occur. Even if you do not support the substantive proposal, it is vital we have this debate today. The confidence of the public in the government response must be solid and we must take the public with us.

I believe we are all genuinely concerned about the situation in which we find ourselves, and we are all motivated by a genuine desire to help the pandemic response. So again I say to all members: support this contingent motion so we can debate as a matter of urgency the need to establish this select committee. I commend the motion to the house.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:11): The issues that the member opposite has gone through—separate from the issue of the contingent motion—are all very important, without any doubt. All those things are very important, but the government does not believe that establishing another committee in this chamber to deal with this issue will provide the people of South Australia any benefit over the benefit that the existing committee from the Legislative Council, which is already in operation, will provide.

There is a committee acting within this parliament doing exactly this work. It has already started this work. It is chaired by a non-Liberal and a non-Labor person—

The SPEAKER: Order! With reference to the point of order previously raised, the motion before the house presently is the contingent notice of motion. I draw the minister's attention to the subject matter of the debate.

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

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan: A point of order against yourself—well done.

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Lee is called to order. The Minister for Energy and Mining has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: That's three for three now—all of you.

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

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Thank you very much, Speaker, I appreciate your advice.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: They are acting like it is the last day of school, sir. The government does not support the establishment of this committee. The issues raised by the member are very important, but they will not be addressed by the establishment of a committee for this purpose.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call. I am listening carefully to the minister. The Minister for Energy and Mining.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: There is a committee in operation already, which means that we do not need to bring on this debate. This is the last day of sitting in this chamber and the issues at stake here have actually been impacting our state for about 300 days now. It would have been possible to do this much sooner, if anybody wanted to.

The issues in regard to stress, jobs and the economy, which are very real, will not be addressed in any significant way by a new committee being established over and above the committee that already exists. There is a very clear commitment by the government that in the new year there will be another layer of full and frank assessment of these issues with the benefit of hindsight. It is also important to point out that at the moment, and for approximately 300 days, on a daily if not hourly basis there has been a very rigorous and thorough self-assessment of all the processes in place to try to deal with COVID-19 and the challenges it presents.

The member opposite also talked about giving all MPs the opportunity to raise their opinions with a proposed committee. All members of this place have had their opportunities to put forward their own opinions for the last 300 days or so. There is nothing extra that a committee would offer in that regard whatsoever. Let me also say that, if it is appropriate in the new year, the government would reconsider its position on something like this if that were to be appropriate at the time. The government does not support the contingent motion.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes 23
Noes 23
Majority 0

AYES

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| Bedford, F.E. (teller) | Bell, T.S. | Bettison, Z.L. |
| Bignell, L.W.K. | Boyer, B.I. | Brock, G.G. |
| Brown, M.E. | Close, S.E. | Cook, N.F. |
| Duluk, S. | Gee, J.P. | Hildyard, K.A. |
| Hughes, E.J. | Koutsantonis, A. | Malinauskas, P. |
| Michaels, A. | Mullighan, S.C. | Odenwalder, L.K. |
| Piccolo, A. | Picton, C.J. | Stinson, J.M. |
| Szakacs, J.K. | Wortley, D. | |

NOES

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| Basham, D.K.B. | Chapman, V.A. | Cowdrey, M.J. |
| Cregan, D. | Ellis, F.J. | Gardner, J.A.W. |
| Harvey, R.M. (teller) | Knoll, S.K. | Luethen, P. |
| Marshall, S.S. | McBride, N. | Murray, S. |
| Patterson, S.J.R. | Pederick, A.S. | Pisoni, D.G. |
| Power, C. | Sanderson, R. | Speirs, D.J. |
| Tarzia, V.A. | Treloar, P.A. | van Holst Pellekaan, D.C. |
| Whetstone, T.J. | Wingard, C.L. | |

The SPEAKER: There being 23 ayes and 23 noes, the Speaker has a casting vote in accordance with standing order 180. I cast my vote with the noes, and I do so with particular reference to the 55 notices of motion that are set out on the *Notice Paper* at pages 50 to 53.

Motion thus negatived.

*Parliamentary Committees***PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAM**

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:22): I move:

That the 124th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Neighbourhood Renewal Program, be noted.

Mr Speaker, as you are aware, the Public Works Committee received the South Australian Housing Authority's neighbourhood renewal program submission on 2 September 2020. There followed a number of further requests to provide additional and updated information. That information was received in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular 015 and the Public Works Committee user guide. Consequently, a revised submission was requested and also provided.

That revised submission was provided on 22 September 2020 and considered by the committee at its hearing on 24 September. A number of outstanding issues were raised by the committee and a number of questions were taken on notice. The committee resolved not to recommend the project on that occasion but did receive additional information and subsequently took in that information in the course of its deliberations.

The neighbourhood renewal program is a five-year public sector initiative that will deliver new social dwellings, a mixture of affordable land and dwellings and market land sales in the suburbs of Felixstow, Blair Athol, Seaton and Woodville Gardens, targeting low density and ageing South Australian Housing Trust properties. The neighbourhood renewal program involves a combined total land area of 14.7 hectares across the four abovementioned suburbs, delivering a target of 142 new social dwellings, 252 allotments for affordable dwellings available to low to moderate income earners, and 173 allotments for market-priced house and land developments.

The neighbourhood renewal program is estimated to require expenditure of \$57.6 million over the life of the program, which will be funded utilising the South Australian Housing Authority's cash holdings, and has no impact on the general government sector funds. The committee examined written and oral evidence in relation to the project and received assurances that the appropriate consultation in relation to the project had been undertaken.

The committee is satisfied that the proposal has been subject to the appropriate agency consultation and meets the criteria for the examination of projects, as described in the Parliamentary Committees Act. Based on the evidence considered, and pursuant to section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it recommends the proposed scope of public works.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (11:25): I would like to contribute to the neighbourhood renewal program report that has been tabled and thank the Public Works Committee for their due diligence in terms of their scrutiny of these very important projects that form part of the core fabric of the delivery of services to people in our community who require a little more assistance to achieve actualisation in terms of shelter, housing and dignity. I acknowledge that the member for Kavel has done an excellent job chairing the committee, and the rest of the Public Works Committee have also done a very good job in terms of questioning.

I want to make it really clear that this report is version 3. I have not been in here as long as some, but I have read quite a lot of Public Works Committee reports, and I have to say I do not recall having a series of project submissions and delivery on scale from a department as well equipped as the Housing Authority is and then seeing those submissions knocked back with requests for further information not once, not twice—but we have seen three submissions for this particular project.

Version 1 went in on 2 September: 'Please explain. More information.' Version 2 came to the committee on 22 September: 'Please explain. More information.' It was not extensive enough to be able to tick off. Version 3 came on 4 November, after having had a number of questions taken on notice, and a number of other questions were asked at the time by the committee.

This is a committee chaired by the government, and I give credit where credit is due. They have not just waved this through. They have worked together as a committee to scrutinise it and they have made sure that more information has come back. I will have more to say about that in a minute. We are three years into this government. To this point, very little has been done in terms of social housing projects, if anything at all. The transfer of stock to community housing providers has been

slowed, the expenditure of budgets from this department has been way too slow, and we are seeing these projects that have been bowled up—which actually reduce the number of social houses; they do not increase the number: they reduce it—taking five years to deliver. It is far too slow.

These are outcomes in the ether. This is in a climate where we want stimulus and we want activity. For a capital expenditure of \$57.6 million of public money, taxpayer money, we get 142 social houses in total across a number of sites, which is a reduction of 129. There are 271 public housing properties or thereabouts that are going to be demolished and replaced with 142 social houses—142 public houses for public housing tenants.

There are 252 houses being built and sold at an affordable price, with 173 to open market. I have spoken about this before and I will talk more about this later. The affordable ones will presumably target people on lower to middle incomes—couples, singles, families—then we have market, which could be any price, clearly to recoup the cost of building. Out of 277 properties (567 at the end) there will be a reduction to 148 of public housing/social housing properties.

I have asked questions about this department's capacity to deliver projects, given that I understand an increased number of good quality, experienced project management, executive-level staff have left, vanished or whatever you want to say, but they have gone. I have also asked questions about the department now having to pay for project management and quality advisers to oversee projects—in the past, that would ordinarily have been done by the department—evidenced by the fact that this has been presented three times for the tick-off by the Public Works Committee.

They are not schoolteachers. The Public Works Committee should not be looking through and saying, 'Whoops, a little error here. Sorry, take that back.' Yes, they should be scrutinising, but the information should be there. This is not a school spelling test: this is a high-level project submission. The minister has seen this, and this is not new information. These things go to cabinet and then they come in and go to the Public Works Committee. How many eyes has this been past and where have the staff gone?

We know that living in unaffordable housing can have crippling economic and social effects, so we support anything that is going to improve those outcomes. We do not dispute the need for more affordable housing in the market, but it is how they are going about it. We have an ever-dwindling supply of public social housing. We have a government and a minister out there huffing and puffing saying, 'We will stop the sell-off. We will make sure we maintain the levels.' I am sorry, but you are not, and we have seen the evidence in the questions that have been answered.

While they go some way to providing some affordable housing—which, again, there are rules around and I will talk about that later—this further reduction in public housing/social housing over the next three years, which totals 632 properties, is not insignificant. We are losing 632 in total while they are selling off to build public housing, affordable housing and market housing on it—mixed purpose, and again no dispute—but no other houses are being built elsewhere to make up for this. In fact, we asked how many houses are being built this year and it is 192 or thereabouts; is that right?

Dr Close: Yes.

Ms COOK: Yes, something like that. If the Marshall Liberal government truly wants to make affordable housing available, it should just simply buy land, build houses and sell them. If it wants to be a property developer, do it like that. Do not use the public land; use the public land for public housing. Let's use it for what it is there for. We are cannibalising the carcass of public housing by reducing stock numbers.

Again, it seems this project is another screen for flogging off public housing. I do not think it is what the public expects, it is not what I expect and it is not what we want to see happen. We want to see the levels at least maintained. How can the government talk about ending homelessness if they are not increasing the available supply for people to go into and exit from homelessness?

We have issues here in terms of the pricepoints offered. I will be interested to see whether they target specific people because, within the housing strategy the Marshall government has delivered, they have not talked about these numbers. They have not talked about who they are targeting and how they are going to do that.

This project plan, in particular, does not do anything to solve this housing crisis. It speaks very clearly to a deficit in a department led by the minister, who is potentially trusting the executive that everything is peachy. Well, to need the schoolteacher to tick off on your submission three times speaks buckets about the culture and the lack of skills that have been left behind in a department that has lost some excellent operators. That is disappointing.

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:35): I note the comments of the member for Hurtle Vale in her contribution to the debate on this report. I also emphasise the commitment of the minister in the other place to ensuring that there is a real focus on turning around the neglect of public housing under the former government and ensuring there is sufficient funding for social housing as well as for maintenance for social housing, which fell behind under the former government .

The former government sold off \$1.5 billion worth of social housing; that is approximately 7,500 homes. By way of important examples, in the 2011-12 financial year 642 houses were sold off and in the 2012-13 year 541 houses were sold off. This is a government that is making a very substantial investment in social housing, and this is a minister who is absolutely committed to social housing and improving outcomes for tenants in social housing—so much so that \$550 million has been invested in the Our Housing Future project.

We have absolute confidence in the minister and we are delighted with their service. We are particularly delighted with their commitment to improving a sector that has been long neglected by the former government.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:37): I move:

That the 125th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Affordable Housing Initiative, be noted.

The South Australian Housing Authority's Affordable Housing provided a revised submission to the committee in relation to this project, and the committee conducted a hearing on 15 October 2020. The committee has taken in additional information to assist it in its deliberations, and the committee has formed the view that it recommends the project.

The affordable housing initiative is a five-year public sector initiative commencing in late 2020 and concluding in 2025. It will deliver 1,000 new affordable home ownership opportunities across metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia for low to moderate income earners in South Australia. The affordable housing initiative is a program that will comprise several projects over its five-year time frame. These projects will range in size from small-scale projects delivering up to five dwellings through to larger scale projects and a housing mix of predominantly two and three-bedroom houses subject to market forces.

The affordable housing initiative targeted locations including the Adelaide central business district, inner and middle suburban areas, outer suburban areas and 10 per cent in key regional centres. The affordable housing initiative is self-funding and is projected to generate a small surplus of \$15.6 million which will be reinvested in other social and affordable housing initiatives in the state. A total expenditure incurred over the program is \$407.3 million and it includes an escalation per annum.

The committee examined written and oral evidence in relation to this project and received assurances that the appropriate consultation in relation to this project had been undertaken. The committee is satisfied that the proposal has been subject to the appropriate agency consultation and meets the criteria for the examination of projects as described in the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991. Based on the evidence considered, and pursuant to section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act, the Public Works Committee recommends the scope of proposed public works to the house.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (11:41): I rise to contribute to this important project and, again, it is a mixed message that I have for the government. Thank you to the Presiding Member, the member for Kavel, and the rest of the committee members who, as the Public Works Committee, provided a great deal of scrutiny and thought into the process of this project. It is not insignificant in terms of its being 1,000 affordable home ownership opportunities. It is quite significant.

The fact that, again, they had to be like the schoolteacher and mark the work is disappointing. It is worth noting that this project originally came to the committee with version 1 in September 2020 and did not have enough detail from the Housing Authority. Then on 22 September we saw version 2 come to the committee and, again, we had a number of questions and issues outlined that were not remedied from the first version, so it was sent back again. Then we had version 3. This is sounding a bit like the Apple iPhone; we are up to version 3.

On 7 October, another submission came to the committee and it bounced back again, and then we had another week and, on 12 October, we got version 4. If I recall, during questioning on this submission, it was discovered that there was reference to the cabinet documents within it, so the copy-paste function of the author and the checking executives and ministers ticking off were failing, and it was a bit embarrassing to be frank.

But again I would question why this is happening. What is happening from the minister down to executive down to project people for us to see a department, which previously had a wealth of experience and high-quality project managers who have delivered large budget items over previous years, now struggling to put a submission in this year—not one submission but two—after doing very little for the last three years in terms of projects? So they have had a while and we saw this bounce backwards and forwards four times.

In terms of affordable housing, we are seeing a housing strategy by the current government that focuses on the delivery of 1,000 affordable homes for the community as a cornerstone for its solutions to homelessness and people in our community struggling with housing insecurity. I worry it is going to get worse, given the movement of people from supplementary benefits during COVID to a lower income, unstable employment or no income at all afterwards.

The other day, the report from National Shelter showed we were the most unaffordable rental capital city on the mainland. I think all of this is a perfect storm. I talked about this the other day. If we do not get the products that fund these opportunities right, and if we do not get the process for building and marketing these products and the pricepoint for the products right, we are going to see a disaster.

I know that the unaffordable housing crisis is not isolated to South Australia; it is a nationwide issue, but we are the worst performers. We are not performing at a level acceptable for our community. Affordable housing, public housing and shelter should be things that a government of any colour delivers—Labor or Liberal—and it needs to be at the forefront of the policy platform.

The issue here is how effective this strategy is really going to be. We have these 1,000 affordable homes. In the housing strategy document, we have a reference to 20,000 housing outcomes without any explanation of how that is being achieved. I am not sure where this all interfaces with that, but there seems to be a big gap between this project and where we need to be. I am not sure where the other builds are because the previous report that was tabled does not deliver large numbers and I believe these are part of this in terms of total numbers.

The other affordable initiative we recently identified as being a failure is the nine homes for older women. Is it the same process to market and sell? Are the same assumptions being made to deliver that \$15 million revenue which could be reinvested? Are the same assumptions being made that all those properties are going to sell?

We have 1,000 homes on the affordable list to be sold. There were nine homes in the women's targeted program. There were 51 inquires, 22 people were eligible to buy and only three out of those nine homes transitioned to sale in that target market. If we look at a ratio, I think it is around one-third. So we are looking at 330 or so of these 1,000 affordable houses ending up in the target market.

Because of the way the affordable program is delivered, the rest of those houses only have to be listed to that target market for a month or so and then they are offered to the open market. If the government does not get its marketing pitch right, if it does not get its products right for the people who need the homes, and the finance to get into those homes, then we are not going to see them reach the affordable target anyway.

In terms of the affordable program and its pricepoint, \$400,000 is pretty high. I have an adult daughter who is on a low to middle income and there is no way she is looking to purchase a house for that price. I think there is some mismatch in terms of where we are targeting and what we are going to achieve.

We learned in estimates that there were budget announcements about how HomeStart packages that are available and have been granted would achieve housing outcomes for people. We learned that less than 1 per cent of people in public housing managed to get an approved product. Over the last year, about 13 people in public housing managed to get an approved product to purchase and move into this home ownership. I do not want to say it is a fantasy, but it really is for some people because they do not have opportunities available to them and the products are not matching them.

We need to see aggressive marketing, more education, a review of the products and more diligence, as shown by the Public Works Committee on this particular project, to say, 'No, hang on a minute. You haven't got the detail right.' The whole Housing Authority needs to get the detail right. We need to see how it is going to reach out and get those people to buy because, I am sorry, it is not 'build it and they will come' in the movie *Field of Dreams*.

You have to make sure that people know about it. If I were not doing this, there is no way I would know about that program. You never hear about it, so thank you to the Public Works Committee for the scrutiny they have shown because we got much more detail and information than we ever get out of question time.

I hope that the pricepoint is looked at, and that the products are looked at, and that these reflect the fact that 95 per cent of people living in public housing are the recipient of government benefits. Really, it is whimsy to think that they can afford to just go to the bank and get a loan. It is just not going to happen. I thank the Public Works Committee for the report and look forward to seeing what happens over the next 'ether' five years when the houses start to appear.

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:51): I thank the member for her contribution and refer to my earlier remarks.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: HAPPY VALLEY WATER TREATMENT PLANT ASSET RENEWALS PROJECT

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:52): I move:

That the 126th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Happy Valley Water Treatment Plant Asset Renewals Project, be noted.

SA Water has proposed to install a new dewatering system using centrifuges at its Happy Valley Water Treatment Plant. This will be achieved by delivering new infrastructure and upgrades at the treatment plant, including replacing the current waste treatment and dewatering assets with three new centrifuges to have sufficient capacity and redundancy to meet the current and future peak flow demands and to ensure reliable and safe operation of the waste treatment process by the end of 2021.

The project is part of SA Water's Our Plan 2020 regulatory determination, approved by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia. Currently, the SA Water Happy Valley Water Treatment Plant provides treated water to approximately 450,000 customers in central and southern Adelaide. There is a significant waste treatment plant on site to manage the sludge produced in the sedimentation process. The current dewatering process consists of two sludge presses and one centrifuge with ancillary plant. The presses and associated equipment are the original plant. They exceed 30 years of age and are at the end of their useful lives.

The project requires capital expenditure of up to \$13.7 million. Substantial completion and operation of the centrifuge are expected to occur in December 2021. The committee examined written and oral evidence in relation to the project and received assurances that the appropriate agency consultation in relation to the project had been undertaken. The committee is satisfied that the proposal has been subject to the appropriate consultation and meets the criteria for the examination of projects as set out in section 12C of the Parliamentary Committees Act and recommends the scope of the proposed public works to the house.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (11:54): I am happy to provide a contribution on behalf of Happy Valley and its surrounds. Ostensibly, I think about two-thirds to three-quarters of Adelaide's metropolitan area gets its drinking water from the Happy Valley Reservoir, so it is important that we make sure that investments are made, and I understand that this conversation has been ongoing for some time in terms of the best way to remedy this and the best way to achieve this.

I want to provide a little bit of additional conversation around the Happy Valley Reservoir and the issues that are being raised by local community members in regard to this very important piece of infrastructure. Prior to being the member for Hurtle Vale, as members might know, obviously, I was the member for Fisher, and the Happy Valley Reservoir sat in the centre of the electorate of Fisher.

With boundary redistributions it now sits on the edge, but I still have many thousands of people who are interested in the Happy Valley Reservoir. I would get inquiries to my office daily in regard to a number of areas around the reservoir, so there are a couple of issues. Over the three years as the member for Fisher, I probably had half a dozen inquiries about the use of the Happy Valley Reservoir as a recreational asset, and not all of those were positive.

Some of those people were interested in using it as a site for fishing, or canoeing, or, would you believe, waterskiing. If you have seen the reservoir from the air it would be very unusual to be able to waterski on it, and given the flux in the levels as well it would not be an ideal site. Even to launch a boat for the purpose of fishing, I have been told, it would not be a suitable area.

However, the vast majority of people now who come to me about the Happy Valley Reservoir express concerns about water security, given the plan to open the reservoir to the public for use. I have to say that generally I have been agnostic about it. From a personal point of view, I trust science, and given that I trust science and use evidence-based approaches to the work that I do, I have read the evidence that comes in about the treatment, as well as the to-the-tap treatment level.

I appreciate that the government is investing in this water filtration plant to ensure its safety, but given that time is coming to an end on this session, I will just say that the majority of people who come to me are concerned about it opening, and they are concerned about the water treatment. Is it going to be rigorous enough to protect it if we have people using the reservoir for recreation? These are the questions that people ask.

They are also disappointed that the reservoir has not been used for the solar panel project as was originally planned, and that the pine trees have all been knocked down at the northern end to now be used for solar panels. So the top of O'Halloran Hill is now devoid of trees. There have been quite significant local impacts because of a change of plan around the use and the management of the reservoir.

I have not even started on the kangaroos, because as trees were bulldozed there were injured kangaroos that had to be rescued, and what have you. We get lots of commentary. There is lots of public interest in the area about this. Obviously, we support the investment from a water security point of view, but urge the government to make sure that they continue to investigate and make sure that, with respect to that general asset, the public are listened to in terms of how that asset is used.

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:59): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I thank the committee for its deliberations in relation to this project and, of course, over the year. It has been a diligent, forthright and very focused committee and it has discharged its responsibilities well, not just to the letter but also in the spirit of the act. I thank the member for her contribution in relation to this debate. I particularly acknowledge also our executive officers, who have assisted us so ably.

Motion carried.

Bills

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 12 November 2020.)

Mr BOYER (Wright) (12:00): I indicate from the outset that I am the lead speaker for the opposition and that the opposition is supportive of the bill. I do not intend to take up much of the house's time this morning speaking about it or making any kind of exhaustive contribution on it.

I place on the record that when an act like this one is completely rewritten, as was the case with the Education and Children's Services Act 2019, which replaced both the Education Act 1972 and the Children's Services Act 1985, there are usually some unintended consequences that arise from such a large change to some pretty significant acts such as those two. It is not any great surprise that we find ourselves here to tidy up a few of those unintended consequences that occurred.

I know the Education and Children's Services Act had been worked on by those in the education department for a number of years. A lot of work had gone into that bill and early iterations began when the member for Port Adelaide was still the minister. I thank the current minister for continuing that work and for the constructive way in which he engaged with the opposition and me through that process. I think what we came up with in the end was a good compromise.

I have received a briefing from the department. Thank you, minister, for arranging that. I accept what the minister has outlined in his second reading speech on this, that the changes being considered in the bill are largely legal, technical and consequential, dealing with pretty heavily operational kinds of issues in need of a pretty simple legislative fix, which we will support. I conclude my remarks by flagging with the minister that I will ask a couple of questions in the committee stage. As I said at the outset, the opposition supports the bill.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (12:02): Thank you for the opportunity to again commend the bill to the house. I thank the member for Wright for his comments. I think that is one of the best speeches by a shadow minister on a bill I have ever heard. I commend him for his approach.

It has genuinely been the work of many hands over an extended period of time to reform the legislation in the Education Act and the Children's Services Act. As the shadow minister identified, I do not think there are too many examples of reforms of entire pieces of legislation, let alone two big ones, where there have not been what are sometimes referred to as 'rats and mice' pieces of legislation that follow. Usually you can pick them by the word 'miscellaneous' in the title, and these wrap up those issues.

That is not to say that these are not important issues. As the shadow minister described them, they are operational issues, they are unintended matters and they are no reflection on any of the drafters or the legislators who provided the work to get those massive reforms through. There are thousands of pieces of information in reforms of entire acts such as these and there are a very small number of unintended consequences that are able to be wrapped up in legislation like this. I am happy to clear up any questions in the committee stage and look forward to the bill's uncontroversial passage through the parliament. I thank the opposition once again for their support.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

Clauses 1 to 5 passed.

Clause 6.

Mr BOYER: On the insertion of new section 26A, I note that it talks about the clause requiring the minister to conduct consultation before making such a declaration. I was wondering if the minister can give us just a brief outline of who that consultation might be with in the event of a declaration.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: If the member is happy for me to provide some brief background in the lead-up to that, I think the intent will become slightly more clear. Standalone preschools and children's services centres that were formerly registered under the Children Services Act were continued under the act in a way that preserved their model of governance whereby the preschool or service is itself an incorporated entity overseen by a governing council that is not incorporated.

The act has introduced a new model of governance for standalone preschools and children's services centres that is similar to schools whereby a standalone preschool or children's services centre can be established by the minister with an incorporated governing council. This clause will provide a means of transitioning preschools and centres continued under the act from their current mode of governance to the new model of governance without the need to formally close and re-establish the service.

A standalone preschool or children's services centre would only be transitioned following consultation with the preschool or centre and full consideration of any relevant issues associated with the transition. There is no immediate intention—and I think this is useful for the member's specific question too—to make any declarations under this section. Any declaration in the future would only occur after consultation with the governing council of the standalone preschool or children's services centre, as the case may be, in accordance with section 26A(2).

Not that I anticipate necessarily needing this, but I think this is a futureproofing clause. Were I the minister, I would probably err on the side of broader consultation rather than just using the letter of the law and 'consultation' being with one person; that is not consultation. Explicitly, the governing council is involved, but as minister I am sure the opposition would agree that you take into account the views of anybody who has a point of view.

Clause passed.

Clauses 7 and 8 passed.

Clause 9.

Mr BOYER: On this clause, minister, if I could play devil's advocate just for a second with regard to the minister's powers to declare a school a special purpose school. If we were, for instance, to take the example of Springbank or a school whose future has been uncertain at different times, what is there to prevent a minister from declaring a school like Springbank a special purpose school and stopping mainstream enrolments and having that enrolment process changed?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Firstly, the amendment of this section provides a simple way for the minister to transition an existing school to a special purpose school under the act without the need to close the school first, dissolve its governing council and re-establish it under the act. It is anticipated that this is one where the governing council would want to do it, but it would mean that you do not then have to close the school in order to then reopen it.

What is a special purpose school? I think that is worth putting on the *Hansard* as well because, while ministers, shadow ministers and former staff in senior positions in education might be familiar with that definition, I suspect many are not. A special purpose school is a school established for a particular purpose—for example, the provision of education to children detained in training centres or the provision of education to children in hospitals. There are a number of other really specific things that can be found in our education system and some wonderful work is being done in them.

The provisions allow the governance arrangements and other relevant provisions of the act to be tailored to the specific needs of the schools. We would be talking potentially about a very small number of schools. Prior to any transition, the minister or the delegate would need to make appropriate effort to consult with the governing council of the school. All schools have governing councils in one mechanism or another. That governing council in almost all cases, if not all cases, has a significant parent body, as well as staff and potentially community representatives, who would have the opportunity to have input into that.

The minister must consult with the governing council of the school before making such a declaration, and the regulations may make further provision in relation to declarations under this clause. Obviously, that is the purpose and that is the intent. We do not have any particular items in mind. Again, this is one where we are looking to futureproof the legislation. Were such a case to arise, then this would enable such a transition to be made without having to go through the process of closing a school.

The process in the example cited by the member is one where we explored whether it would be beneficial to the community. While that process did indeed return a result that would have left the

closure of the school available to me as an option, as the member will recall I certainly formed a view that the community and the students there were best served by keeping that school open. That is a view I will maintain throughout my term in this position.

Clause passed.

Clauses 9 to 23 passed.

Clause 24.

Mr BOYER: Clause 24 talks about deleting the words 'and without negligence' in regard to protections, privileges and immunities. I accept if the minister needs to take this on notice, as it is a little bit more specific than my previous questions. I am wondering why those three words 'and without negligence' are going to be deleted from that subsection.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I am happy to provide an answer. Clause 24 of the bill amends section 138 to remove specific protections from civil liability provided to the chief executive, an authorised officer or any other person for acts or omissions done in good faith and without negligence in the exercise or purposed exercise of functions or powers under this act.

Clause 24 also amends section 138(2) to remove the term 'and without negligence'. This ensures a member of the governing council or affiliated committee is protected from civil liability for acts or omissions done in good faith in the exercise or discharge of a power or function of the council or committee, whether or not the act or omission was negligent.

The protection from liability set out in section 138(1) did not feature in the Education Act 1972. Given that the Public Sector Act 2009 already sets out relevant protections from liability for public sector employees and relevant persons, I am advised that the matters set out in subsection (1) are not required to be included in the Education and Children's Services Act 2019.

In respect of the proposed removal of the term 'without negligence' from section 138(2), which provides protections from civil liability to members of governing councils, this will revert to the situation that existed prior to the commencement of the act. We are basically returning to the same level of protection that existed prior to the new act, which I believe was the original intent.

Clause passed.

Remaining clause (25) and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (12:15): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

RADIATION PROTECTION AND CONTROL BILL

Final Stages

Consideration in committee of the Legislative Council's amendments.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Pederick): There are seven amendments to the Radiation Protection and Control Bill from the Legislative Council. Can the opposition indicate whether they want to deal with the amendments individually?

Dr CLOSE: I believe that the government and the opposition have an agreed position on the amendments made by the Legislative Council, so I am happy for the minister to take the lead.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Firstly, I would like to thank the Legislative Council for its due consideration of the bill. For a bill with the word 'radiation' in its title, it will come as no surprise that all nine amendments moved in the other place came from the South Australian Greens. Of the nine amendments proposed in the other house, of which seven were passed, the government was happy to support the passage of four of them. This was following productive negotiations to ensure that they were functional and did not hinder the excellent work of the EPA in regulating radiation use and radiation management across South Australia.

The amendments that were supported by the government in the other place and agreed with are: amendment No. 1 at clause 12; amendment No. 5 at clause 77; amendment No. 6 at clause 77; and amendment No. 7 at clause 78. I can also advise that, upon further consideration and discussions with colleagues, stakeholders and the opposition, the government has amended its position on two of the other amendments.

The government will agree to amendment No. 2 at clause 28, which removes the ability for the clause to be repealed by proclamation, and amendment No. 4 at clause 65, which allows the court to consider whether an applicant is furthering a wider group of interests or the public interest, or whether the proceedings raise significant issues relating to the administration of this act when determining orders for security for costs, undertakings as to damages, and compensation.

The government remains strongly opposed to amendment No. 3 at clause 49, which would allow the EPA to set regulatory obligations on the mining and mineral processing industry contrary to national and international standards. I am hopeful that the opposition will consider the government's strong views on the amendment and consider their position today.

Amendments Nos 1 and 2:

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to.

Amendment No. 1 requires the Radiation Protection Committee to publish the minutes of its meetings on a website, determined by the minister, that is accessible by the public free of charge. The government agrees to this amendment.

Upon further consideration and discussions with colleagues and stakeholders, the government has amended its position on amendment No. 2 at clause 28 that removes the ability for the clause that prohibits enrichment of uranium in South Australia to be repealed by proclamation, and we agree to the amendment. It is noted that the provision being removed by this amendment has been in place since the inception of the 1982 act that the bill will replace, and has not been an issue to date.

Further, this government considers that, although made out to be much more, the amendment is a matter of style rather than substance, which I will briefly explain. The prohibition of enrichment or conversion of uranium is also prohibited by commonwealth law under clause 10 of the commonwealth Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998. If commonwealth law were changed to allow for enrichment or conversion of uranium, it would be highly unusual if those laws would allow state laws to continue to apply. The National Radioactive Waste Management Facility is a case in point.

Further, section 109 of the Australian Constitution provides that when a law of a state is inconsistent with a law of the commonwealth, the latter shall prevail and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid. The commencement of enrichment or conversion of uranium in Australia would be a national issue and decision, and the South Australian ban on enrichment would be redundant if that were to occur, for the reasons given. How we remove a redundant provision from statute is of no consequence to the general purpose of this bill, and hence the government will agree to amendment No. 2.

Motion carried.

Amendment No. 3:

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendment No. 3 be disagreed to.

This amendment is largely reflective of the ideology of the Australian Greens, and it is their prerogative to move such amendments, as it is the government's and other parties' prerogative to inquire into and consider them. The government has considered the amendment further following its passage in the other place, and is still of the view that it is deficient and cannot be supported.

Amendment No. 3 allows the EPA to set regulatory obligations on the mining and mineral processing industry contrary to national and international standards that are based on internationally

recognised best available science, recognised by the United Nations no less. In 2004, the then Labor South Australian government agreed, through the Australian Health Ministers Conference, to implement the National Directory for Radiation Protection, which establishes a nationally agreed and uniform approach to radiation protection and safety.

The adoption of national standards and codes of practice is a key part of national uniformity and radiation protection and will reflect the best available international science. I was surprised that this amendment passed the other place, given that it goes against a major commitment this state has made for national uniformity in radiation protection, provides for an uneven playing field in the mining sector, creates regulatory uncertainty for business and is contrary to international scientific knowledge.

The amended provision will not apply to Olympic Dam due to the Roxby Downs indenture, so for BHP the international standards will remain in place. I believe, from the second reading in the other place, that the intention of Mr Parnell's amendment was that it does apply to Olympic Dam, so this still does not achieve that objective.

Instead, it would create an uneven playing field in the mining industry, allowing the EPA to set different rules for each of the other mining companies licensed under the legislation, such as Heathgate, Boss Resources, Murray Zircon, Iluka and OZ Minerals, without any scientific basis or any certainty for business as to what those limits might be.

The EPA would unilaterally apply whatever limits it likes that are more stringent than international standards. This parliament should not be applying legislative schemes that create unnecessary and unwarranted uncertainty for business. However, in reality, I am advised that the EPA would simply not apply limits contrary to international best available science. Why? Because this amendment makes no sense.

The occupational standards that we are talking about are applied equally across all industries where there is occupational exposure to radiation. Radiation does not act differently on people in different mines or different occupations. These are standardised dose limits applicable across the spectrum of occupations exposed to radiation based on best available science on the potential for impacts of radiation on the human body.

The fact that the EPA have indicated that they would not apply stricter controls is unfortunately no remedy for the uncertainty for business that this amendment creates because it could be used, hence the residual uncertainty that may impact investment decisions. It is for these reasons that the government strongly opposes this amendment.

Dr CLOSE: The opposition will not continue to support this amendment and is therefore voting with the government in this chamber and in the other. I would just comment that I think often the term 'ideological' is used pejoratively and that this is an ideological perspective from the Greens. The Greens can speak for themselves, but the initial support that came from the Labor Party for this amendment was essentially based on an argument that South Australia ought to be able to set its own standards for the protection of workers. The piece of legislation that arrived at the Legislative Council indicated that those standards could not be below international or national standards and the proposition was that they could, in fact, be above.

That was, on first glance, appealing to the idea that South Australia ought to be able to have additional protections for its workers should it choose to. However, there is also a persuasive argument about the need for business to have certainty. A business that is operating in South Australia ought to know what the standards are that are being expected of it and that they ought to be consistent with at least national standards, rather than being a specialised standard in South Australia alone. That counterargument was taken seriously by Labor and has been accepted; therefore, we will be voting with the government in this chamber.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I would like to commend the minister for his opposition to this clause and I am thankful that the opposition has also agreed because, as the minister said, in 2004 national commitments were made at the Australian Health Ministers' Conference to implement uniform national frameworks.

Of course, as the minister said, radiation does not change from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. A lot of science has gone into it in terms of exposure limits. It should be noted that this says no more or no less, so it is not like we are going to lower them either in this legislation. It is important otherwise

it introduces a lot of uncertainty into investment and, as the Minister for Trade and Investment, I know it is important that we have certainty so that we can have businesses investing here, especially in mining. It is very important for our exports and our economy here as well.

To touch on some of the unintended consequences by having our standards different to the national ones, even from a health perspective, with some of our X-ray equipment, it just incorporates additional costs. For example, some of our hospitals had to have concrete walls a lot thicker than they would otherwise have to be because our standards were out of line with what is best practice in the world, but then that causes costs in the build and infrastructure that are unnecessary. I am glad the opposition is supporting this government's opposition to this amendment.

Motion carried.

Amendments Nos 4 to 7:

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 4 to 7 be agreed to.

These amendments relate to considerations of the court in making orders for various securities, public register requirements and the requirement to public documents that form the national directory on a website. The government supported amendments Nos 5, 6 and 7 in the other place and has reconsidered its position on amendment No. 4. Amendment No. 4 relates to third-party enforcement of the act.

The bill allows the court to determine not to order legal costs against an unsuccessful third-party applicant provided they not stand to gain personally by the action (i.e., it was a public interest case) or the case raised important issues in relation to the administration of the act. Amendment No. 4 seeks to extend these criteria to applications for security for costs, undertakings as to damages and for compensation.

The current drafting of the clause aligns with a similar provision in the Environment Protection Act 1993. While the government still has some queries as to how such decisions can be made for matters of security before a case is duly presented, the government acknowledges that the court will not apply such protections without full and proper consideration. The government agrees with amendments Nos 4 through to 7.

Motion carried.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (STAND-ALONE POWER SYSTEMS) BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 11 November 2020.)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (12:32): I can inform the house that I am the opposition's lead spokesperson on this bill. This is another piece of legislation the government has introduced. Unfortunately, I have not had time to be briefed on the bill, but I have read the government's briefing note, which is a cut-and-paste of the explanatory stakeholder notes from the COAG Energy Council or AEMO.

Mr Knoll: Isn't that the same speech from the last two or three bills?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: He says on his way out. I understand that the legislation before the parliament allows the national laws to be amended to allow for standalone power systems to function within the National Electricity Law and the National Energy Retail Law. The consultation introduction talks at length about the need to supply energy to locations that are not physically connected to the national grid and also to include the advent of microgrids, which supply electricity, I am told from this briefing note, to multiple customers in individual power systems.

There are a number of advances in technology that are making these types of standalone power systems (microgrids) more effective without the exorbitant costs, I imagine, of connecting to the national grid or a further rollout of very expensive, gold-plated infrastructure for new

developments or upgrades of existing develops. On its reading, it seems to be a very sensible reform. I am not quite sure if this is simply a government bill or if this part of a national energy reform process.

The opposition has not been informed by the government if this is indeed part of state government reform, but I assume it is part of a national reform. I can indicate probably that the opposition will be supportive of this measure, given that this originated from August 2018 out of a COAG Energy Council, which is now under a new format. I understand from this briefing that standalone power systems are not generally 'captured under the national electricity frameworks' and are currently 'subject to jurisdictional legislative frameworks that vary in their comprehensiveness'.

I am assuming that means either that remote regional communities have their own standalone power systems or that there are people who are attempting to install microgrids in their developments in and around existing infrastructure and this is a way of having a comprehensive framework to govern all of them. If it is not, I would like the minister to brief the parliament on exactly what the intent of the COAG Energy Council was when they initiated these reforms.

I also understand that the legislation does not disadvantage any distribution network service providers, but I would be interested to understand in the minister's conclusion if there are any changes to current contractual obligations for microgrids or any other standalone power systems that are in place or whether or not they will have any change to their regulatory function and whether any additional costs are associated with those network costs from this legislation.

From what I can tell in looking at the legislation, there do not seem to be any additional costs. It is simply giving us a framework moving forward and empowers the South Australian minister on behalf of other jurisdictions to make rules and functions of the ER, but I will be seeking a briefing from the government between the houses, probably early next year if possible, to get a more comprehensive understanding of exactly what this bill is intending to do.

The Australian Energy Market Commission Review covered the electricity regulatory frameworks, and I am quoting again, as set out in the National Electricity Law and the National Energy Retail Law and associated rules. The review was structured around two priorities: one covered national requirements for standalone power systems operated by distribution network service providers, and the second covered a national framework for the provision of power systems operated by a third party.

That is the part that I am interested in—the third-party operation of the standalone power systems—because I imagine that the expense of connecting to the grid can be quite attractive for developers to build standalone power systems. I would be very interested to know exactly how the regulatory frameworks will go on for legacy issues.

I could be completely off track here, but my instincts are that a developer buys a large allotment of land in and around metropolitan Adelaide and develops a brand-new development, a lot like Lightsview or some other private development. There are very expensive costs in linking to infrastructure, especially utilities, whether it is water, sewerage or, of course, power. There might be very good incentives, savings and environmental benefits in establishing a standalone power system to service that. It is a microgrid.

The problem is legacy. These people are now all connected through this standalone power system and, unlike the rest of the grid, we could have scenarios where people in metropolitan Adelaide are linked through this service agreement which could have costs that are higher than linking to the grid but which are prohibitive in actually linking it to try to alleviate some of the costs through being a standalone power system.

To play that out, people buy and sell houses all the time. I think that on average in South Australia someone buys and sells a house every 7½ years, so you are likely to move quite regularly, although that is not across the entire system but generally. If you did have a development of 50, 100 or 150 homes and you had a standalone power system or microgrid in place, people move in and out of these places all the time, infrastructure needs upgrading and there are advances in technology.

I would be very interested to know how that is governed because when you have a centralised network, while it is old and sometimes antiquated, it is very easy to know exactly what the rules are, it is very easy to know what the costs are and it is almost a set-and-forget type of

system, whereas microgrids are a little bit more complex, a little bit more interesting and a little bit more confronting for some people.

I would be interested to know exactly what the implications of that are for these standalone power systems, but I think they are an important advancement. Without having to pay to connect to a grid, standalone power networks could be very, very interesting advancements, although I note that there are some people who are talking generally that the ultimate battery is the grid and the ultimate backup.

Again, what does that mean for system reliability if you have the standalone networks within metropolitan Adelaide? What does that mean long term for the grid? I suspect that this legislation is attempting to deal with that, and I also think it is attempting to deal with some of our remote communities, but again I would be interested to know what the minister has to say on that in his closing remarks.

Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to read his second reading explanation. The person who drafted it and I are probably the only people who are going to read it, other than maybe the minister. That is the nature of second reading explanations, but I do apologise to the house for not having had the chance to do that.

I am interested also in the functions and powers of the AER and how they relate to the standalone power networks, especially if they are privately owned and operated, and why the AER has a need to be involved in these, especially if an individual is running a standalone power network on their own. What does this mean for people who are not part of a community but who are simply off grid? I am assuming that there is no implication for them, but the minister is the one who represents regional communities, not me.

There would be plenty of people who operate in his electorate who are standalone. I do not know what role the AER would play, or the National Energy Retail Law would play, or the National Electricity Law (NEL) would play in regulating those people. I think that is an important question I would not mind getting an answer to, perhaps in committee.

Let us talk more generally about energy. There are a number of concerns the opposition has with the operation of the national electricity grid in South Australia and then more broadly as it pertains to the interconnector proposed by the government—the EnergyConnect interconnector—to be built now sometime into the next term of this parliament. I just point out a few basic points about this. When this policy initiative by the then opposition and current government was announced, the cost of the EnergyConnect option into New South Wales was going to be roughly \$500 million.

That cost then grew to \$1.5 billion, and the latest iteration of that construction is \$2.4 billion. No doubt the minister will argue that most of that blowout, that extra cost, is not on the South Australian side of the border. I would be interested, as that rolls out and as we roll out our energy policy over the next 12 months in the lead-up to the next election (which is getting closer and closer by the day), to have a debate about energy policy again, which is important. It is important because it is probably the most important aspect of government decision-making in terms of the transition to net zero emissions and, of course, meeting those targets as we go forward.

I congratulate the government on their hydrogen strategy. It does, I think, grow from the hydrogen road map that the former government initiated. I am glad that the government has picked up almost every single initiative that we put in place and that the support of that hydrogen plan is bipartisan. We congratulate the government on their endeavours to try to export our renewable energy and incentivise the growth of hydrogen-based industries. It is a very good idea and a lot of the initial works that we did and the investments we made are coming to fruition.

I think what we are seeing is the development of a very new and exciting industry. This new and exciting industry can really help with Australia's transition. Most importantly, it will enable us to export our abundant renewable energy. There are two things that I think are important about this transition. One is the storage question. Once we get the storage question finally answered properly, with efficient ways of storage, we can dramatically change the way we generate energy. The second part of that is can we export our stored renewable energy?

That might have sounded like a fantasy five years ago, but five years from now I think we are going to see Australia become an exporter of energy. I am not talking about coal or gas, I am talking about energy created from the sun, from wind and from other forms of renewable energy. Another aspect of the improvements in renewal energy is, of course, the efficiency of generation. Being efficient in generating energy is one of the big roadblocks to a greater form of energy production and, of course, dispatchability, which links back to storage.

I think there are a number of ways in which the debate has now moved on past the partisan and we are at a point of bipartisanship, where most thinking people accept that we do need to transform the highest polluter of carbon in Australia, our electricity industry, and convert it over time to an efficient, renewable, net zero carbon emitter to ensure that we can effect that transition, save the planet, create jobs and create an abundance of cheap energy to try to stimulate a renaissance of industries that we have lost in Australia, create new industries that we have not had in this country before and, of course, export it and create more jobs here.

Make no mistake, the export of energy and our agricultural sectors have helped Australia's prosperity. Had it not been for the pandemic, Australia's economic growth would have been a miracle compared with the rest of the world. There have been decades of continuous economic growth, uninterrupted, on the basis of a bipartisan economic policy that has set this country in very good stead, and we can grow on that.

I am a big supporter of our gas industry in this state and nationally, as I know you are Mr Acting Deputy Speaker. It has served Australia and especially South Australia well. We have kept the lights on in New South Wales, we have kept them warm and we have grown their industries with our gas. It is good to see them actually start to lift their own weight in some of the projects that need approval in New South Wales, even though it has taken nearly a decade to approve one gas field in New South Wales by a great South Australian company, Santos, operating in Narrabri.

However, there is infrastructure in place, there are export markets where we have existing relationships and there is technology and know-how. There are companies that are prepared look at and invest in this transition. There is no reason to think that companies like Santos, Beach and other energy exporters and pipe infrastructure companies cannot transition to make sure that we create our own export industry out of green hydrogen.

Green hydrogen I think is the hope of the side in terms of the transition. Had the Tokyo Olympics gone ahead, the Japanese government planned to make the Tokyo Olympics the hydrogen games. They wanted it run and powered by hydrogen. They wanted to showcase their hydrogen technologies at those Olympic Games. Australia can play a big role in helping countries like Japan, South Korea and Asia that are struggling under the energy transition but have governments that are committed to it, have road maps that are funded and are government policy, and are looking for sources of this energy.

Australia can rise to that challenge. South Australia was first out of the gate into this new area. I am very proud to say that the South Australian Labor government led that charge, and it was picked up by this current government. Congratulations to them on following our lead and making sure that this is not now a partisan issue but a bipartisan issue. Credit to the minister and the government for doing that.

What we need now, of course, is a real government focus on this industry, a real government focus on how we can integrate renewable energy further and safer into our communities, and standalone grids, microgrids, are a big part of that. I see all the time in my community the number of solar panels going up in and across my electorate, as I am sure all members of this parliament are seeing it. That is step 1.

The subsidies in place to initially stimulate that were not the wish of the former Labor government. They were imposed on us by the Liberals and the Greens through an amendment in both houses of parliament, which we ultimately accepted, for a 20-year subsidy to get it started. I think that decision was the wrong decision. I think that decision was unnecessary and that the take-up of solar panels would have been just as quick and just as profound had that subsidy not been in place.

The next stage is batteries. Batteries are a big part of the step forward in this equation. The next step is microgrids. Then, of course, it gets to the point of what we do with the actual grid that is

left in place. Who supports it? Who pays for it? How is it funded? As our economy grows and our footprint grows and our communities grow, the question always comes back to: do we want to spend money on these very large and expensive grids to keep on connecting new houses or are there cheaper, more efficient ways of doing this, more self-sufficient ways, more sustainable ways of connecting communities to power without just rolling out a 20th century grid?

The days of large generators feeding a distributed grid and having a distribution and transmission network all working together may be coming close to the end of its life. I do not know how long it will last—50 years, 100 years. I do not know what happens next. I think anyone who claims that they know what the transition will be is probably guessing at best. Imagine the advances we have made. When I entered this parliament, Australia in 1997, before the turn of the last century, was overwhelmingly looking at a coal future—coal and gas.

That has dramatically changed in one generation. What happens in another generation from now will be exciting to watch. It will be tricky. It will not be easy and there will be setbacks. There will be costs involved. There will be disputes. What we have lacked is states that are willing to take on this transition and work towards it, and that is both sides of parliament. I think the New South Wales government has been a leader.

I think the South Australian government, the Western Australian government and most states and territories have been leaders. Where we have been let down is by the commonwealth government, and I slate blame equally on both sides. I do not think this is a one or other opportunity. I think former Prime Minister Rudd squibbed it and let the side down, and former Prime Minister Abbott played an appalling role in the way he politicised this industry and this transition, and we have been stuck in those wars ever since.

It is important to exercise common sense and bipartisanship in this transition. Yes, we can argue on the side. Yes, we are going to make our different points. Yes, we are going to attempt to by and large work together. We are going to have disagreements, but ultimately we are all pushing on the same open door, and that is the transition. I hope this legislation is a big part of that transition, not just some measure to clean up some unintended consequences of standalone power networks but an attempt to try to manage them and make sure that they are sustainable long term.

If we can do that, we can ensure that we can bring South Australians and indeed Australians along with us. The worst thing a government can do is to impose on its citizenry a transformation that they do not support and do not understand. I think South Australians have a very high level of education and understanding of what is a renewable transition. I think they overwhelmingly support it. I think most South Australians believe in it; they see its opportunities and they see its advantages.

South Australia has been the victim of a slow genteel decline in manufacturing for the last 30 to 40 years, generally because of tariff policy and commonwealth policy when it comes to imports and exports, and the balance of trade figures. We have seen our manufacturing industry gutted, unable to compete with practices that we are competing with in parts of the undeveloped world, and we are seeing our manufacturing move offshore.

We are seeing a resurgence in smart manufacturing—manufacturing and development of high-end smart products—and that is good, and we are seeing a change in the way manufacturing works. Ultimately, if we are serious about being a country that manufactures and exports, we need cheap power. Cheap power is always the key because this country cannot compete on wages and should not attempt to compete on wages. If we attempt to compete on wages we will lose.

But we can use our smarts to lower our input costs for our businesses. Importantly, we can lower their costs, and we can do that through renewable energy. It is a bipartisan pursuit. I do disagree with the minister on some aspects of government policy, but broadly I think the government have picked up where we left off and are moving in the same direction that we were, which is a great credit to us and a credit to them. I think we do have differences.

I am very concerned about the impacts of the interconnector here in South Australia. I am concerned about the impacts on thermal generation in South Australia if the interconnector goes ahead. I am very concerned about what will happen to our economic sovereignty if we lose Torrens Island, Osborne and Pelican Point, and what that will mean for us. Our future is determined by power

supply, whether we become completely reliant on places like Victoria and New South Wales for all our power or whether we can generate our own power here.

We will have disagreements but, as I have said previously on a number of occasions, when it comes to national reforms the view of the opposition is that we should support them, as we are the lead legislator. If this indeed is a national reform, I will look forward to going into the committee stage of this bill later this afternoon to get some answers from the minister. I thank him for the information he has given me, and I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 12:59 to 14:00.

Petitions

CHERRY GARDENS COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE

Mr MURRAY (Davenport): Presented a petition signed by 284 residents of Cherry Gardens and greater South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to grant permission to the Cherry Gardens Country Fire Service (CFS) to sound the fire siren located at the Cherry Gardens CFS Station in the event of bushfires in that region.

Parliamentary Procedure

ANSWERS TABLED

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

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Premier (Hon. S.S. Marshall)—

Public Sector Employment, Office for the Commissioner for—State of the Sector Annual Report 2020

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

Housing Trust, South Australian—Annual Report 2019-20
Human Services, Department of—Annual Report 2019-20
Summary Offences Act 1953—Notice of Designated Areas 2020

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

Health Advisory Council—
Central Adelaide Local Health Network Annual Report 2019-20
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Annual Report 2019-20
SAAS Volunteer Annual Report 2019-20
Southern Adelaide Annual Report 2019-20
Women's and Children's Health Network Annual Report 2019-20
Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, The Australian—Annual Report 2019-20
Local Health Network—
Barossa Hills Fleurieu Annual Report 2019-20
Central Adelaide Annual Report 2019-20
Eyre and Far North Annual Report 2019-20
Flinders and Upper North Annual Report 2019-20
Limestone Coast Annual Report 2019-20
Northern Adelaide Annual Report 2019-20
Riverland and Mallee Coorong Annual Report 2019-20
Southern Adelaide Annual Report 2019-20
Women's and Children's Annual Report 2019-20
Yorke and Northern Annual Report 2019-20
National Health Funding Body—Annual Report 2019-20

National Health Funding Pool, Administrator of the—Improving the transparency of public hospital funding in Australia Annual Report 2019-20
 National Health Practitioner Ombudsman—Annual Report 2019-20
 SA Ambulance Service—Annual Report 2019-20

By the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Hon. C.L. Wingard)—
 Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Department of—Annual Report 2019-20

By the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing (Hon. C.L. Wingard)—
 Recreation, Sport and Racing, Office for—Annual Report 2019-20

By the Minister for Environment and Water (Hon. D.J. Speirs)—
 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee—Annual Report 2019-20
 Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, Board of the—Annual Report 2019-20
 Environment and Water, Department for—Annual Report 2019-20
 Environment Protection Authority—Annual Report 2019-20
 Green Industries SA—Annual Report 2019-20
 Heritage Council, South Australian—Annual Report 2019-20
 International Koala Centre of Excellence—Annual Report 2019-20
 Parks and Wilderness Council—Annual Report 2019-20
 SA Water—Annual Report 2019-20
 South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board—Annual Report 2019-20
 Stormwater Management Authority—Annual Report 2019-20

By the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services (Hon. V.A. Tarzia)—
 Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), Board of the—Annual Report 2018-19
 Community Road Safety Fund—Revenue and Expenditure—Report 2019-20
 Correctional Services, Department for—Annual Report 2019-20
 Fire and Emergency Services Commission, South Australian—Annual Report 2019-20
 Parole Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2019-20
 Police, South Australian—Annual Report 2019-20

By the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (Hon. D.K. Basham)—
 Dairy Authority of South Australia—Annual Report 2019-20
 Dog Fence Board, South Australian—Annual Report 2019-20
 Forestry SA—Annual Report 2019-20
 Primary Industries and Regions, Department of—Annual Report 2019-20
 Review of the 2012 Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone Fishery—Outcomes—2020

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:05): I bring up the 128th report of the committee, entitled State Centre of Football Project.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr CREGAN: I bring up the 129th report of the committee, entitled Angle Vale Wastewater Network Augmentation Charge Works.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr CREGAN: I bring up the 130th report of the committee, entitled The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Redevelopment—Stage 3.

Report received and ordered to be published.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:06): I bring up the report of the committee, entitled Report 2020.

Report received and adopted.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BILL

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (14:07): I bring up the final report of the committee.

Report received.

Parliament House Matters

CHAMBER PHOTOGRAPHY

The SPEAKER (14:07): I advise members that in relation to the statement to the house by Dr Thomas later this afternoon at 4pm I have authorised a number of photographers to be present in the strangers' gallery and to take photographs of proceedings.

Question Time

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:08): My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier aware that many struggling hospitality businesses do not qualify for JobKeeper and hence cannot access much of the federal and state government support available?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:08): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. As he knows, there have been many businesses, individuals and families who have been very adversely affected by the coronavirus in 2020.

We have done everything within our power to keep South Australia safe and our economy strong. We are very pleased that, when we look at many of the statistics with regard to consumer confidence, business confidence and investor confidence in South Australia, they are trending in the right direction. When we look at what is happening in terms of employment, we have seen a massive bounce back since April and May of this year, but there are still some people who are very, very significantly adversely affected by the coronavirus.

The federal government has had very significant stimulus and support for our economy, and the Leader of the Opposition specifically refers to the JobKeeper program. Many companies qualified for that in March and April and then received it from May right through to 27 September. During that period of time, many people recovered their business and so no longer qualified for that ongoing support post 27 September.

In many ways that was a good thing because it showed that there was resilience, and it showed that people were getting back to normal business in South Australia, but some of course remained in that situation where they needed that ongoing support, and that is continuing with the federal government and will continue right through to next year. One thing I do know about this federal government is that it is agile. One thing I know about this federal government and the approach that we have taken on the national cabinet is that we will respond to the circumstances that affect us.

The Leader of the Opposition is alluding to the cash grants we have offered at the state level, and again this is something where many, many businesses—almost 190,000 businesses in South Australia that employ people—received a \$10,000 cash grant. Most of those were paid out in the second quarter of this calendar year, and I know that this was very well regarded by those people who needed that bridge, if you like, to help them from a cash perspective.

In the most recent budget, which was handed down in this very chamber just last month, the Treasurer outlined that we will be providing a second round of \$10,000 cash grants for businesses that were still struggling—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —and that were still eligible for that ongoing JobKeeper payment. In fact, we expanded out the original criteria not just for businesses that had a wages bill of more than \$70,000 but indeed for sole traders who had a commercial premises because we recognised that they, too, sometimes need that additional support, and so there was a \$3,000 payment to those businesses.

With the Parafield cluster, sir, you will be aware that this pause that was put in place by the police commissioner, acting as the State Coordinator during the major emergency declaration, very significantly adversely affected many businesses in this state. Some said that this will affect their business to such an extent that it would be best if we could push out the date at which people could make an application for that second round. This was originally due to be on 15 December.

We have now pushed that out to the end of February to give people the maximum chance—those people who are adversely affected by this—to get access to that second round of cash grants to this sector.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the leader, I call to order the member for Badcoe, I call to order the member for Playford and I call to order the member for West Torrens.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:12): My question is to the Premier. How much more pain does the hospitality industry need to endure in South Australia before the government provides additional support, specifically to the hospitality industry?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:13): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for this question. As he would be more than aware, we have already provided significant support to the hospitality sector that he is relating to, especially those businesses that are in the CBD, which are of course bearing the great brunt of this effect. That is why it was a great surprise when I was asked a question only in the last sitting week by the opposition about why we were favouring businesses in the seat of Adelaide.

Actually, I was taken aback. I would have thought it would have been very obvious to people, particularly to the opposition, who are all members of parliament and all represent an electorate. There are people right across our state who work in the CBD and who have been very significantly adversely affected by what is happening.

Mr Malinauskas: Amongst others.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The Leader of the Opposition shouts across the chamber 'amongst others', and he is quite right, but nevertheless the CBD has borne the brunt like no other area because, of course, we have had very specific, strong advice to people to work from home if possible. That has not been the subject of a direction from the State Coordinator, but strong advice to people that if they can work from home they should work at home, because—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier has not responded to interjections, as is appropriate. The Premier has the call. Has the Premier finished his answer?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I have not, sir. The question from the Leader of the Opposition is: what are we doing to assist the hospitality sector. What I am trying to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Members on my left will cease interjecting.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I will tell you what we have done to support the hospitality sector in South Australia. We stopped those business-destroying policies—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —that the previous government had, those business-destroying policies that those opposite presided over for 16 years—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —sky-high electricity prices, the rort with regard to water prices that affected every single business in South Australia.

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I will tell you what we have done: we have put the people of South Australia first. We fixed the rort that was inflicted by those opposite.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We want to engage the business community to grow employment.

Mr Picton interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Kaurana!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: And let's take a look at what has happened, sir. In October, when we looked at those ABS statistics—

Mr Brown interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —what we saw were more people employed in South Australia in October than in January and February, before the COVID crisis. That is the effect: that even during this global pandemic—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —we have been able to grow our employment in South Australia by putting business first, and we will continue to put business first. Our budget that came down, \$4 billion worth of stimulus—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —a massive cut in taxes to those businesses in South Australia. To all small businesses with a payroll of up to \$4 million, a 15-month hiatus in their need to pay payroll tax in South Australia. Licensing fees, support for people who are paying ESL in South Australia, whether it be business or whether it actually be a household in South Australia—

Mr Picton interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —and, of course, very importantly, grants to assist businesses to adapt to the new COVID environment within the CBD so that they can do that augmentation to their licensed areas so they can have more people coming in. But all we hear from those opposite are complaints and protests—

Mr Brown interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —not focusing on solutions that are going to help businesses to rebound after this global pandemic, a pandemic that has affected every business, every family and every individual in this state. I am very proud of the work that this government is doing to keep South Australians safe and our economy strong.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the leader, I call to order the member for Cheltenham. I call to order the member for Hurtle Vale. I call to order the member for Wright. I warn the member for Badcoe. I call to order the member for Ramsay, and I remind the member for Lee and the member for Playford that they are both on two warnings.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:17): My question is to the Premier. Given the Premier's previous answer, is he ruling out providing any additional support or compensation specifically to the hospitality industry and is the Premier aware of the up to \$30,000 cash grant made available for Victorian hospitality industry businesses during the course of their lockdown?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:18): I am not sure it's a fair comparison with Victoria. More than 800 people lost their lives—

Mr Brown: You wish you were Dan Andrews.

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford—

Mr Brown: That's right, that's what I said. You wish you were Dan Andrews. You're a joke, a total joke.

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford will leave for 30 minutes under 137A, and he will leave in silence.

The honourable member for Playford having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We have a very different situation from Victoria. More than 800 people lost their lives in the second wave in Victoria. The restrictions, the very heavy restrictions which had an incredibly detrimental effect on lives and on businesses in Victoria, lasted for 112 days.

We were facing a very similar second wave in South Australia. I want to commend SA Health, SA Police and all people involved in making sure that we could stand up our defence of a second wave here in South Australia. In particular, with regard to this, I would like to highlight the excellent work done in testing in South Australia, led by Dr Tom Dodd, the clinical lead of SA Pathology, and the way that we moved from 2,000 to 3,000 tests per day to 19,000 within the space of a week.

I would like to particularly identify and thank the people who work within the Communicable Disease Control Branch, those people who are doing the contact tracing, those people who are doing that forensic detective work. They have done an extraordinary job. In particular, I would like to thank the lead there, Dr Katina D'Onise, and her team. This is very, very tough work.

Again, we had to go from doing the contact tracing on a number of people each month to thousands of people each day. This was an extraordinary ramp-up effort in a very short period of time. I would like to particularly identify that they were supported in that task by contact tracers at the commonwealth level and contact tracers from Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. That combined national approach to putting that net over every person who came into contact with those infected with the coronavirus kept our state safe.

But my biggest accolades go to the people of South Australia who knew the consequences if we didn't take immediate action. They supported the directions put in place by the State Coordinator, Commissioner Grant Stevens, and they listened on a daily basis to the work and the words of Professor Nicola Spurrier, our Chief Public Health Officer in South Australia. Working together, this state stared down a second wave here in South Australia and unequivocally held off what would have been an absolute dire consequence for every business, every family and every individual in South Australia.

That doesn't mean to say that there weren't some businesses who were disproportionately affected. Many have been affected, but many more—many more—would have been adversely affected if we did not work as quickly as we could. Now we have supports in place. We have a budget

which provides \$4 billion worth of stimulus and support—\$5 billion if you include the match funding from the federal government—for the programs that we have announced in our budget.

We have put payroll tax reductions in place. We have deferred gambling taxes. We have waived licensing fees in South Australia. We have supported businesses, particularly those in the CBD, both directly as businesses and indirectly through the Great State program, and we will always look for opportunities to do that work and continue to do that work to support businesses and employment in our state.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Before I call the leader, I call to order the Minister for Education and the Deputy Premier.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:22): My question is to the Premier. Given the Premier's previous answers, is the Premier continuing to rule out providing additional support to the hospitality industry despite the fact that South Australia has the strictest restrictions in the country on that industry during the month of December, which underpins many of those businesses?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:22): It seems incredible to me that the Leader of the Opposition would take this line of questioning in the parliament. We receive our advice, with regard to the restrictions that we have in place, from Health in South Australia. And now the opposition is questioning where that advice is from. I don't know why they see it—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Lee!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —as their right in this parliament to undermine the expert response that we have had in South Australia since day one.

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

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens on a point of order. The Premier will resume his seat.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Standing order 98: debate, sir. The question was not questioning the medical advice; it was talking about financial assistance to business. There is a difference.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! A point of order has been—

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The deputy leader! A point of order has been raised. I have been listening carefully to the Premier's answer. The question is a supplementary question once again asking the Premier whether he would rule out certain further action. In my view, it calls for consideration of the context in which that consideration may be made. I am listening carefully. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Let's be very clear: I have never ruled out additional stimulus and support. In fact, in my earlier response to the house I said that we must remain flexible and nimble in response to the situation that exists, and that's what has happened at the federal level and that's what has happened here at the state level. In fact, one of the suggestions made at national cabinet was that we need to look at whether or not we adjust our fiscal response in a more timely way than we have previously.

We know that monetary policy is looked at on a monthly basis, with changes made to the official rates by the Reserve Bank of Australia on a monthly basis. But fiscal interventions in economies usually occur at the time of the state budget or federal budget and in the midyear update we do the midyear economic and fiscal outlook or, in our case, the Mid-Year Budget Review, which of course won't occur this year.

We have historically moved from once or twice a year adjusting our fiscal response, whereas the Reserve Bank of Australia was once a month with regard to a monetary response. One of the things that we have discussed at the national cabinet is that we do need to remain far more flexible and responsive to the changing situation that we have here, and I think that we have proven to be very flexible.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan: Not according to them; they are out protesting.

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee will leave for 20 minutes in accordance with standing order 137A.

The honourable member for Lee having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We have announced very responsive packages and we will continue to do that. Only this week, we have announced round 2 of the Great State voucher program. This was enormously—enormously—positively received by the sector. Some in this chamber were talking it down. Actually, people in the hospitality sector were saying this was a great initiative. They couldn't understand why people from the opposition were being so negative about a program that was creating tens of thousands of bed nights—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Leader! Member for Ramsay!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —and creating jobs.

Mr Malinauskas: I've got more if you want some.

The SPEAKER: The leader is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We reviewed that program—

The Hon. Z.L. Bettison interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Ramsay is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —and we continue to adjust our policies. I am very proud that earlier this week we announced round 2, which will go out to the people of South Australia on 5 January. In fact, those vouchers can be used from 7 January right through to 31 March. This is an example of a government that is responding. But if the Leader of the Opposition or in fact the shadow health minister want to query or question the density arrangements, I suggest they take that up—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —with the health officials. We have made our position on this very clear.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: Point of order, sir: I take offence at that remark. The Premier well knows that throughout the entirety of this pandemic we have provided bipartisan support to the government in terms of the imposition of restrictions, and we have never questioned the imposition of restrictions.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right!

Mr MALINAUSKAS: We have simply asked about financial support in the context of the restrictions that are being applied. But I take offence—and Mr Speaker, you know very well that I rarely do this—at the suggestion from the Premier that I have questioned the restrictions.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The leader is on his feet. The leader raises a point of order. Pursuant to standing order 125, as I understand it, the leader has taken objection to what he considers to be offensive. In the circumstances, I invite the Premier to withdraw.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I am happy to withdraw any statement that was offensive, but I very distinctly heard, when I was raising questions about queries and our reliance on advice for the one person per four square metre density, the shadow minister for health (member for Kaurana) shout out, 'Where's the advice?' That seems to me to imply that he doesn't take SA Health on that advice. Maybe he's implying that that doesn't exist.

Mr PICTON: Point of order, sir: I take offence now at the fact that the Premier is making up statements that I have supposedly said. Similar to the leader, we have offered bipartisan support for the restrictions that are in place at every stage, and the quote that the Premier said is pure fantasy.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! There is no point of order. The Premier has—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right! The Premier has made reference to words that he heard across the chamber. I didn't hear those words. I will look at the *Hansard* and, if there is anything further to come back to the house about in that regard, member for Kaurana, I will do that. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In the remaining seconds, I would like to reiterate that we are in the corner of business in South Australia. We will continue to support them. We do not have punishing policies on small business in South Australia, like restricting shop trading hours or putting in place ridiculous half-day public holidays, which the hospitality sector was violently opposed to. We will back them, we have backed them and we will continue to back them.

Mr PICTON: Point of order: the Minister for Education made a comment across the chamber that we were 'dog whistling like Pauline Hanson'. I ask him to withdraw and apologise for such an offensive statement.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Once again, member for Kaurana—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will cease interjecting. On the point of order, for what might be obvious reasons I did not hear the words that were exchanged across the chamber.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I will go ahead and do so momentarily, if members allow me to rule on the point of order. The Minister for Education seeks the call: the Minister for Education on the point of order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Sir, the words the member for Kaurana identified were correct. The reference was to the entire Labor Party's approach to question time today.

The SPEAKER: In the circumstances, the member for Kaurana having taken offence, I invite the Minister for Education to withdraw.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Sir, I make the point that the reference was not specifically to the member for Kaurana. To assist the Chair—

The SPEAKER: I invite the Minister for Education to withdraw.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I am happy to withdraw.

STATE ECONOMY

Ms LUETHEN (King) (14:31): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's plan to keep South Australia safe and strong and on what we can look forward to next year?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:31): I thank the member for King for her excellent question. If someone at the beginning of the year had said that in 2020 we would be putting restrictions on businesses, closing our borders and basically changing and turning upside

down the lives of all South Australians I wouldn't have believed them—but in fact this is the situation in South Australia.

I am very pleased that we as a government, in partnership with the people of South Australia, have been able to rise and meet the very significant challenges we have faced this year. We have had to make some tough decisions. We have always done that based upon the expert health advice we have received, and that expert health advice and the way we have gone about following it does actually keep our state safe and it does keep our economy strong. That is very important.

As I was saying earlier, we have been very significantly buoyed by the facts presented in the ABS job statistics in October, with 13,000 full-time jobs created in a single month. That is an outstanding result, a result that we have delivered: Health, SAPOL, the businesses in South Australia, and the confidence of consumers to go out and employ our fellow South Australians.

We brought down what I think was the biggest single hit of economic adrenaline in the history of the state with our budget handed down last month: more than \$4 billion worth of stimulus and support and \$16.7 billion worth of infrastructure and building programs right across every facet of life here in South Australia. We know that our \$10,000 and our \$3,000 grants have been extraordinarily well received. We know that in just the last few weeks \$31 million in grants to over 3,300 businesses have been received and are injecting confidence back into that sector. That is in addition to the \$186 million worth of grants that assisted 18,700 businesses in this state.

The budget together is designed to support and stimulate 100,000 new jobs. Of course, we are also delivering the very biggest infrastructure project in the history of South Australia, and we are lowering taxes on businesses. One area I feel very, very proud of is the way we are investing in new skills in South Australia. The NCVET figures are a joy to see, with more young people doing apprenticeships and traineeships here in South Australia, and every one of us should be very proud of that.

I know that a fundamental part of keeping our state safe and our economy strong is the QR code COVID-safe check-in system which was implemented earlier this week. Already 17,500 locations and 350,000 users have used this system. In fact, more than 650,000 check-ins have taken place, which is really good. The member for King asked: what does 2021 hold? It is going to be exciting. We are going to continue the recovery from COVID-19. We are going to hopefully see the rollout of a vaccine in South Australia and across our country and across the globe.

There will be new events, new projects, new opportunities resulting in more jobs for our state. I am really looking forward to continuing to deliver those congestion-busting road projects in South Australia. I am looking forward to turning the first sod on the new Entrepreneur and Innovation Centre building, which is going to go up on Lot Fourteen. I want to see our schools continue to be revitalised in South Australia as we move to take year 7s into secondary school from the start of term 1 in 2022.

I know that the construction projects for new facilities at the Repat and Modbury Hospital will be a centre point of our investments next year. We will have the upgrade of Memorial Drive, a fantastic facility. We will continue to build what matters, whether that be the Port Wakefield overpass or whether it be the Joy Baluch Bridge duplication. We are going to do what we can to support every single business, every single household in South Australia to keep our state safe and our economy strong.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr PICTON (Kaurana) (14:36): My question is to the Premier. Why did SA Health not hand to SA Police the contact tracing evidence of the 36-year-old Spanish man at the centre of Operation Protect?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:36): As the member would be aware, a task force was set up by South Australia Police to look at all the evidence that existed with regard to this situation. This was a very well-resourced investigation. It was headed by Assistant Commissioner Peter Harvey. They concluded their investigation and made their statement public yesterday. They do not believe there was sufficient evidence that would lead to a successful criminal prosecution in this instance.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr PICTON (Kurna) (14:37): Supplementary question: why did SA Health make the decision not to provide the contact tracing evidence to that investigation?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:37): I thank the member for his question. It is a very interesting question. I think that it is a long-held practice of public health officials not to provide evidence of conversations, evidence gathered during the course of interviews that contact tracers within the Communicable Disease Control Branch have with people who are providing them with information. This has been a longstanding practice for this sector, both in South Australia and other jurisdictions.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Kurna, I call to order the member for Elizabeth and I call to order the member for Schubert.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr PICTON (Kurna) (14:37): My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier support the decision that Health made not to provide police with evidence, the contact tracing information, regarding the 36-year-old man?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:38): I have made my position on this abundantly clear, both in press conferences and in this house before. I think there need to be consequences for those people who do the wrong thing and provide incorrect, false and misleading information to contact tracers. But I also appreciate the position that has been taken by public health. They believe unequivocally that, if they start to hand over information, this will reduce the likelihood that people will come forward with information.

I would stress very clearly in this situation that this was not a matter, and has never been a matter, about somebody providing accurate information that is then handed over to police. From my perspective, from day one, the real issue here has been that somebody came forward and provided false and misleading information to public health administrators. I think this is an extraordinarily dangerous situation because public health have to frame their response to a cluster, to an outbreak, and so it's absolutely crucial, it's vital. Lives will depend on the fact that that information is fulsome and accurate. In this case, it wasn't.

PAYDAY LOAN INDUSTRY

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:39): My question is to the Attorney-General. Can the Attorney-General update the house on South Australia's payday lending reforms?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:39): I do thank the member for his interest in this matter. I think that the whole question of payday lending has been more acutely in the minds of people because of the COVID circumstances we have had to deal with during 2020 and the potential of exploitation of those who are in a vulnerable financial position, so it is with pleasure that I provide an update.

I have indicated that the commonwealth, in my view—and I think even in the previous Attorney-General's view—was moving at a glacial pace in relation to reform in this area. In March 2020, the Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. Michael Sukkar MP, advised me that the federal government was:

...considering the public submissions on the final reforms to ensure the right balance is struck between enhancing consumer protection, while also ensuring these products and services can continue to fulfil an important role in the economy.

I have to say that when I read something like that it doesn't tell me very much. In any event, by September this year the commonwealth announced that they were progressing their reforms relating to the small amount credit contracts and consumer leases. There were protections to be progressed in conjunction with responsible lending reforms also announced on 25 September.

It moved to the CAF and in November 2020, and the states and territories called on the commonwealth to commit to introducing the legislation. There wasn't a time frame identified but, fortunately, by 20 November this year the consultation period of the commonwealth concluded. As part of that process, a draft bill and regulations were released for comment. Neither the draft bill nor

regulations released for comment incorporated protections regarding the SACCs and consumer leases.

Given the financial pressure, as I have outlined, that some South Australians are facing as a result of COVID and the potential heightened vulnerability, it's important that those national reforms still progress as a priority. I have previously informed the house of my instructions to Consumer and Business Services to provide me with advice on our options. I was intending to introduce our bill to the South Australian parliament this week, but I have been assured by the federal Treasurer that the bill will be introduced next week in the federal arena. This obviously avoids jurisdictional and constitutional complications.

The commonwealth to date have declined to provide me with a copy of the bill and haven't given me a reason why. I will eagerly review the bill next week when we receive it, but in my view it's far too important to leave this situation to chance. If the bill isn't with me and I am unable to review it, this matter will be progressed in the early new year.

I will continue to advocate for South Australians, as I would hope all members here will, to ensure that we do protect the most vulnerable, especially in a circumstance where they may be in some impecunious state and pushed up against the wall in relation to their financial circumstances. It is a situation where we do not want them to be predated upon or trapped by payday lenders who are acting in an unscrupulous way, and I will continue to advocate in this area.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (11:43): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain why he was able to reveal at a press conference Health advice from a contact tracing interview about the 36-year-old man, but that same Health advice is not able to be provided to the South Australian police?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:43): I think I have answered that. I didn't provide at the press conference any specific details.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: You called him a liar.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Well—I did not provide any specific details, but I was certainly very clear that I had received reports that this person had provided false and misleading information to contact tracers, specifically with regard to how they contracted this illness and their interaction with the Woodville Pizza Bar. I think this was material information that helped frame our response to the Parafield cluster, and I think the people of South Australia deserve to know exactly and precisely what I knew that informed our decision to actually move from a six-day pause or circuit-breaker down to a three-day pause or circuit-breaker.

You might recall that when we received information originally regarding how this person contracted the disease, they provided information that suggested they received it by casual interface with the Woodville Pizza Bar when they came in as a customer. It turned out that in fact this person was a casual employee right alongside other employees, one of whom actually had the coronavirus infection.

This was a material piece of information in framing the response, so I think it was appropriate that I conveyed that information. But, for the reasons I outlined in my previous answer, public health will not be providing specific transcripts of those discussions. The investigation, which is now being concluded by South Australia Police subsequent to them getting the legal advice, shows that they do meet the threshold of evidence which would sustain a successful criminal prosecution.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:45): A supplementary question to the Premier: who provided the Premier the unequivocal health advice that the Spaniard man had lied to contact tracers?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:45): Of course, when that information was originally provided, there was no reference to nationality, sir, so I think I should clear up that matter. The advice was provided to me by South Australia Health and the Chief Public Health Officer

in South Australia. That advice was provided to both myself and the Commissioner of Police, Grant Stevens, acting in his capacity as the State Coordinator.

CORONAVIRUS, PARAFIELD CLUSTER

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:46): Supplementary question to the Premier: if SA Health can provide the Premier unequivocal advice regarding the lie of the man, why can't they provide that advice to South Australia Police?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:46): This is the exact same question the member for Kaurna asked less than two minutes ago. I just suggest that the Leader of the Opposition take the opportunity to have a look at the *Hansard* because the answer would be exactly the same, and I am not going to give it again because that will afford him the opportunity to ask another question.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:46): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister please update the house on how the government is investing in jobs to build what matters in South Australia?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:46): I thank the member for her question. With the end of 2020 just around the corner, I think everyone in this house would agree with me when I say thank goodness. What a year 2020 has been. Our state has had one of its toughest years on record. We started with severe bushfires—they are almost hard to remember now—and then, of course, we have lived through a pandemic.

This year really has tested all South Australians, but I think it has only made us stronger as a state. In fact, I think in a way it has brought everyone closer together. The year 2021 will bring in a new era, one of rebuilding and rebounding, and that will deliver a stronger South Australia, which is what I think we all want. That is why the Marshall Liberal government is building what matters, and that is why it is important to be doing that.

I am proud of South Australia, I am proud of its people and I am proud to be a South Australian. It's a great state, it's got a great history, it's got unique beauty, it's got wine, it's got @ShitAdelaide, and it's got a sense of humour and that's what I like about South Australia and what we like about South Australians. We are a great state, we are great people and we are growing great opportunities here for all the people across our wonderful state. We cannot—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —go back to the dark old days of Labor—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

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

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —but we remember them well. We can't go back to when those opposite were in power. We remember what they left us. They were the days of no progress, the days of no future, the days of spin and the days of half-done jobs. As you would be aware, Mr Speaker, the Treasurer only recently handed down his budget, and in that budget of course, there is a forward commitment of \$16.7 billion to build the infrastructure that South Australia needs over the next four years—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

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

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —infrastructure that will create 19,000 jobs and that is what we are about on this side of the house—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell is warned.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —we are about creating jobs. That record investment will help build South Australia. It will build us better roads, it will build us better hospitals, better schools, better water infrastructure. It will build a better state for everyone, including sporting and community facilities as well. This provides South Australians with a great deal more certainty and hope than they have ever seen for a long period of time under the previous government.

There are uncertain times through COVID but, with this investment, we have that certainty going forward for our great state. We will always do what we can to strengthen South Australia, and a number of key infrastructure projects outlined in the budget pay tribute to this:

- \$30 million to deliver Golden Grove stage 2;
- \$33 million for the Golden Grove park-and-ride;
- \$40 million toward boat ramps, marine bridges, jetties and structures across our state;
- \$37 million to fix the Port Bonython jetty, enhancing export opportunities;
- \$250 million toward the Hahndorf township to create a heavy vehicle bypass;
- \$180-plus million toward Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road;
- \$135 million toward upgrading the Strzelecki Track; and
- \$35 million toward fixing the South Eastern Freeway.

Then we have the north-south corridor, the Torrens to Darlington stretch. This is a great announcement for our state. This is one that takes us forward. I hear excitement when I speak to people on the street about the tunnel-boring machines and the two-tunnel project. This will take our state to another level and will generate jobs—almost 4,000 jobs—through the life of this project, which is what our state needs.

We are also upgrading our roads in the regions. We put \$100 million in the regions and in metropolitan Adelaide towards fixing our roads, because we know they were neglected by those opposite, and that was greatly received. There was match funding of \$168 million from the federal government as well. We appreciate their support and love working with them.

Clearly, this budget and our record over the past almost three years speak for themselves. They speak volumes and we are delivering for the people of South Australia. We cannot go back to Kouts' economics. We cannot go back to the Malinauskas Transforming Health policies we had.

Mr PICTON: Point of order.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We have laid out our plan to build—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —what matters for South Australia and build a better future.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will resume his seat. The member for West Torrens will leave for 20 minutes under standing order 137A.

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

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurna on a point of order.

Mr PICTON: The minister knows he should refer to members by their proper titles.

Mr Malinauskas: Where's Christmas this year, hey, Peds? Where's Christmas this year? Working again?

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond is called to order. I remind all members that it's disorderly to refer to members by their names. I will leave it at that for the moment. I think the minister has concluded his answer.

INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCILS

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (14:52): My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Can the minister explain why the eight industry skills councils are not autonomously funded and whether this means they have only limited ability to drive skills agendas needed to match job demand with job supply. With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms BEDFORD: I am advised the eight skills councils meet irregularly, no members are paid sitting fees and, while administrative support is appreciated, agenda setting comes from the department rather than industry members, limiting the usefulness of the advice they can provide.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:52): I thank the member for her question. It appears to me that she is misinformed by the information that she is referring to in her statement after she sought leave. Basically, the industry skills councils used to exist and they had government support up until about 2012 when the previous Labor government cut their funding and left them hanging and transferred the responsibility for the design of skills training here in South Australia to bureaucrats and unions. This is where skills training was designed from 2012. What did we see from 2012 to 2018? A 66 per cent decline in apprenticeships and traineeships here in South Australia.

What we did when we came to office is we took a skills policy to the election. We didn't take a TAFE in crisis and a non-government sector in crisis that Labor left when they left office and went to the election with no skills policy. Here we are, nearly three years after the election, and there is still no skills policy but plenty of sniping from the side. There is plenty of sniping from the side. They cannot stand the fact that we have a policy that's working, a policy that is delivering advice to government from the workshop floor right through to the business sector.

We are getting advice from where we need it, from those who are paying the wages of the apprentices and trainees, those who need the skills for their businesses to survive. That is where we are getting our advice from. I know it might be abhorrent to those on the other side that people are prepared to do things for their industry without being paid. We know that is unheard of on that side. We know the story, of course—

Ms Stinson interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —of the former chair of the CITB, Gay Thompson, being appointed to that position with no experience whatsoever in skills, but a good mate—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Lee!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition—

Mr Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright is warned.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —was the only qualification she had for that job, and her strong commitment to the union movement. That is the only qualification she had for that job. I am getting my advice from industry that are coming forward, giving their time freely, and I thank them every time I meet with them, because we cannot do this without their support. We cannot turn around the mess that they left us without the support of industry. They need buy-in on this. They need to own this, and under this government they own it.

INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCILS

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (14:55): Supplementary: could I ask the minister which part of my explanation wasn't true, the bit about them not being able to set their own agenda, or the bit about them not being able to give you useful advice?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:56): Both of those are completely untrue, and I know where it is coming from. I am not going to embarrass that person by naming them, but I know where it is coming from. They are on their own—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —with this view. They are welcome to contribute, and I invite them to do so, but I can tell you now, Mr Speaker, that never before have we had an industry so passionate about being involved in their own training. Industry in South Australia are taking advantage of the federal government incentives to buy capital to improve their businesses, and guess what? They are also taking advantage of the incentives and the support they are getting from the state government to increase their skills in their industries and their businesses.

It is no good buying new equipment with new technology if you don't have the skills to operate it. South Australian businesses have worked that out, and they've got behind the government's program to train their staff, and they appreciate the support. They appreciate for the first time that this government doesn't believe that they owe people something for being businesspeople here in South Australia.

We believe that there is a genuine partnership the business community has with this government to support South Australians into skills. We recognise that there is a cost to training apprentices and trainees, and we have supported businesses in their transition to becoming responsible employers that are supporting their own skilled labour.

Our Skilling South Australia program has 150 different bespoke designed programs specifically for industry. We haven't designed buckets of money and then asked businesses to change their business to suit those buckets of money. That is the Labor model. What we have done is we have said, 'Tell us what your problem is. What is stopping you from taking an apprentice on? What can we bring to enable you to make that job easier?' That is where we put the money, on advice from industry and advice from businesses.

We have even developed Skilling South Australia programs for individual businesses. I was very pleased to see that Outside Ideas was a winner in the Australian Training Awards—the national Australian awards. This is a company that is very passionate about taking on apprentices and trainees, but the owner identified that there was a problem in his company. His supervisors felt that they weren't qualified to manage the off-the-job training, and so there was resistance with his own staff to taking on apprentices and trainees.

Do you know what the government did? We supported the owners of the business and we paid for the training of those supervisors so they could be up to speed and actually be comfortable to train those apprentices and trainees. And guess what the company did, Mr Speaker? They doubled the number of apprentices and trainees they were taking on. This is what true engagement with industry delivers. It delivers outcomes for industry.

Don't take my word for it: read the NCVET figures—a 12 per cent increase from March to March. Where did the rest of the nation go? Nearly 8 per cent backwards. The only other state that had a positive figure in apprentices and trainees in that 12-month period was Tasmania with a 0.4 per cent increase. The People's Republic of Victoria, a 14 per cent decline over there because they have ignored the needs of industry and business.

We are proud of the work we have done with skills development here in South Australia. We will keep doing it and we will keep delivering job opportunities for South Australians by making sure they have the skills that industry need to grow.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr BOYER (Wright) (15:00): My question is to the Minister for Education. How many schools that received Building Better Schools grants under the previous Labor government have been told to return some of these funds to the education department?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:00): I thank the member for the question. The Labor Party never 'gave' money to any of the schools. The Labor Party identified commitments for infrastructure, and those commitments are now continuing under the Liberal Party, of course enhanced by a series of decisions that have been proceeded with through the course of the last 2½ years since we came to government. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been further added to the investment in infrastructure in our schools across South Australia.

That program is continuing—indeed, I think from the first announcement in 2017, when the member for Port Adelaide was the minister, of the first batch of those projects. I stand to be corrected, but I think Le Fevre High School will be the first school to have their project completed. I don't think it's too far away. I am told that it should definitely be completed either by or during the first term next year.

Obviously, there will be reconciliations at the end of those projects. I am told that the vast majority of schools that are due to be completed before term 1 in 2022 will be completed through the course of next year. During estimates, I identified that there are six schools where that completion date is in December next year. The risk we are concerned about there is that the whole project, including landscaping, all the legal work and everything else, might not potentially be completed by January 2022.

In those cases, my advice is that all the work that needs to be done to ensure that the school can have a terrific start to the year will be done. All the classrooms, all the flexible learning areas and all the specialist learning areas will well and truly be completed in that time, but there may be examples of schools where we are hard up against it. We are on track to finish all the landscaping and all that other work by the end of next year, but that is where there is some risk of there being some further issues; however, we will make sure that the schools are ready to go, and we are optimistic that all that extra work will be done too.

Those funding commitments remain. A good many of the projects we are working towards are indeed underway now. I think more than \$1 billion-worth of projects are now underway. In more than 60 schools construction is happening and the final scoping work is happening in the remaining 30 or so.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr BOYER (Wright) (15:02): My question is again to the Minister for Education. Is it not true that Banksia Park International High School has been asked to return more than \$1 million of the \$9 million that was given to it under Building Better Schools by the South Australian taxpayer via the previous Labor government?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:03): I don't accept the characterisations in the member's statement. The member has identified money being given to a school. There is a commitment of a budget to an infrastructure project. If at Banksia Park, as the member suggests, that project has come in under budget, then that's good news for the taxpayer. What I can guarantee the member is that any funds in this program will be staying in this program for the benefit of public schools. Where possible, if there is indeed a saving to the budget at any individual school, then we will make sure that the scope of the project is delivered in full.

When the education department is working with schools to identify the scope of their project, meeting any budget, the absolute endeavour of the education department, as we outlined in estimates last week, is to ensure that that scope is appropriately costed. There are some schools where there has been a slight overrun and there are some schools where there may well be a project completed ahead of schedule or a project completed under budget. There may even be opportunities in some of those cases for the school to have things that were sought in the initial scope that had to be value-managed that can be restored to the scope.

I visited that project at Banksia Park a few weeks ago. The school, I've got to say, and the staff and the students I spoke to were pretty excited about it. They have a fantastic new facility. It's

going to have a performing arts centre. It's going to have a commercial kitchen that will be available for use in the performing arts and in the work the school does through its other programs, in its VET programs. It's a school where the government has, over and above the identification of the grant the member for Wright has just raised, invested further funds in because it is one of our five new entrepreneurial high schools in South Australia.

That's a body of work that has infrastructure and recurrent funding that is well and truly over and above the investment offered by the former government, an investment that the former government said was a bad idea, a silly idea. But I can tell you what: at Banksia Park they are really excited about the new entrepreneurial spaces, which will only be enhanced by the extra build that is happening at the moment. At Banksia Park, they are also excited about the extra staff they are getting, which is even more important than the built infrastructure, the cost of which, I promise you, over the next couple of years will well and truly outstrip any budget saving that was there because their project came in—

Mr Picton: A budget cut.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The member describes it as a budget cut. Well, that's just a complete false characterisation. The member says that the project might have come in \$1 million under budget. If that is indeed the case, then I promise you Banksia Park is going to do a lot better than that out of the entrepreneurial program alone. But the member has made a claim. I put to the member that if he spends some time at Banksia Park, talks to the staff, talks to the students, talks to the families on the governing council, the things they have been very excited about over the last couple of years are to the tremendous credit of that school.

Banksia Park has a new leadership position, leading their entrepreneurial program. Banksia Park has new programs in the entrepreneurial space, which this government has invested in, which are going to see businesses and industries connected with that school able to see the students who are already in this program, already appreciating this opportunity, not only being given extra skills if they want to start a small business one day but having that entrepreneurial mindset, where they can be in a large organisation or a small one, a business or a social enterprise, and able to really drive an entrepreneurial mindset through that program. This is a required investment, and it is an investment which, over the course of the term of this government and beyond, will be well and truly above anything that Labor ever offered.

GLOBAL EXPANSION PROGRAM

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:07): My question is to the Minister for Trade and Investment. Can the minister please update the house about the ways the Marshall Liberal government is supporting exporters?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment) (15:07): I thank the member for MacKillop. As I have said before in this house, the electorate of MacKillop is a strong exporting electorate for South Australia in food, wine and agriculture, which, of course, has been really challenged this year by the restrictions on the border that have been put in place because of COVID. The member for MacKillop is often discussing with me challenges with his businesses, putting me in touch with some of them and the challenges they are facing and how we as a government can help them in exporting as well.

That is why I am pleased to speak here today about the \$2.3 million Global Expansion Program that the Marshall Liberal government is putting in place. It is a program that's designed around established South Australian businesses that have been able to demonstrate strong local growth here and are looking to improve their export capability and capacity as well. As I said, it's targeting established businesses here in South Australia, those that have been in business for at least 36 months and are already successful either in the local market or domestically as well, so they have successfully been able to sell their fantastic produce and goods to 1.7 million South Australians or, in turn, domestically to 25 million Australians. But how can they grow further?

Of course, a fantastic opportunity for them is to grow for the world, where you have billions of customers not only at your doorstep in the ASEAN region but also in some of those other established export markets we sell into, such as the UK or the US. As I said, they are a successful local businesses but they may not be well-established exporters. They might have done it

intermittently but certainly don't have a program or a strategic plan in place, or they just don't have the execution capability. This Global Expansion Program is aimed at that cohort of businesses. It is also aimed at businesses that are already exporting to a particular country but looking to begin exporting into another country as well.

Alternatively, there are those established exporters who might be in a country but need to expand their in-country knowledge. They are trying to get a better understanding of the regulations in place in that country and, rather than revert back and say, 'I will sell into the domestic market where I'm comfortable,' they are really trying to increase their capabilities. If I could give an example of a country where there's opportunity, I would talk about Japan. They are a sophisticated market, and they really value the health and safety of produce that comes in. They are quite aware about that.

That gives an opportunity for exporters in MacKillop and also the wider South Australian business community to differentiate themselves in that market because we know the high-quality produce that is produced here in South Australia. Examples of South Australian companies already exporting into Japan include Coopers beer, Tuckers crackers or Wines by Geoff Hardy. They have agreements in place with the Sakagami supermarket group.

There are equivalent companies here in South Australia that might see themselves on a par with those iconic companies and they can see an opportunity. We want to help increase their capability, and we will do that by trying to offer bespoke programs. As the Minister for Innovation and Skills said, it is not just about having a bucket of money and a one-size-fits-all approach, and then businesses having to conform.

Rather, it is the other way around: listening to what gaps they have, what capability they need and then actually designing a bespoke solution for them so that really gives it high value for this program that's in place. The program is available now for South Australian companies. I encourage them to go onto the Department for Trade and Investment website and take up that expression of interest opportunity.

Grievance Debate

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:11): Once again, I rise to speak about the plight of the hospitality industry here in South Australia. Today, 150 business owners gathered to launch a campaign pleading with this government for help. This is an industry in crisis. This is an industry that was hardest hit earlier this year by the pandemic and the restrictions that followed. It has lost the greatest number of jobs of any industry in the South Australian economy. At one point, over 24,000 jobs were lost in the industry across the state. It suffered the biggest impact on its capacity to trade due to the restrictions, and it has received the least support from this government of any industry as well.

This industry is one of the most important to our economy and state. It is the crucible of entrepreneurship in our economy for South Australians, and people coming to South Australia—many of them young and in the early stages of their careers, starting new businesses, investing hundreds of thousands of dollars if not millions of dollars in new premises, hiring huge numbers of staff, sourcing their produce from South Australian farmers, fishers and growers, showcasing South Australian wines, beers and spirits, rejuvenating our CBD, our suburbs and our regional centres. It is labour intensive, capital intensive, debt intensive and massively important to our economy.

These are the cafes, the restaurants, the small bars, the breweries, the distilleries, the wineries, the hotels, the pubs, the clubs that are the window through which visitors see and experience South Australia. They are proud of our state and they want our state to succeed, but they have been the hardest hit by this pandemic economically. Throughout the pandemic, though, these businesses have been willing to do whatever the government has asked of them in order to stay open and keep their businesses going.

They have closed, they have reopened, they have changed their venues in order to fall in line with the changing restrictions. They have become COVID marshals and they have willingly signed up to a QR-code regime. They have done everything right by this government, but they are on their knees. Their businesses are being killed by the current restrictions. Today, these business owners met to launch a campaign to urge the government to change.

They have asked for the current one person per four square metre rule to be taken back to the one person per two square metres rule, where they had been led to believe they would be for the second half of November and December. The one person per four square metre rule is decimating their trade. No-one can operate at 25 per cent of their capacity and survive for long.

Many of these businesses have exhausted their financial reserves, taken on extra debt, and laid off staff in order to get through to the November and December trade period. It is this pre-Christmas period when hospitality venue owners look forward to making somewhere between 25 per cent and 50 per cent of their annual profit. This year, those months have been wiped out.

The Labor opposition has supported the government and its health response throughout the pandemic. We have supported the restrictions placed on the community, but we have also called for increased support for the economy, in particular the hospitality industry. Back as early as March, the Leader of the Opposition and I stood with the proprietor of the Kings Head hotel and called on the government to immediately establish a \$200 million hospitality rescue package.

We have also recognised that when South Australia has the toughest restrictions in the country, it also has the least amount of support from the government. That current situation cannot go on. The one in four restrictions being placed on the hospitality industry cannot be sustained if this government will not step in and provide immediate additional support to these businesses.

Many venue owners have made it clear they will be forced, some of them, to close in the coming days unless restrictions are eased or if more additional support is not provided. If the government insists on these restrictions continuing, this support must be forthcoming. This government cannot expect to have this industry continue as the showcase of South Australian produce, the showcase for South Australian food and wine, as the window through which visitors and tourists see South Australia, into the new year unless this additional support is provided.

The Premier and this government must step up and start meeting with these business owners, must start supporting these business owners, or else we will not have much of a hospitality industry left in this state.

Time expired.

GIBSON ELECTORATE SCHOOLS

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:16): I rise to speak about education in my electorate, and about the exciting future for our local schools. As we know, a quality education is essential to the future success of our students, our community and our state. It was clear in this year's state budget that we are continuing to invest in that future, with the budget designating \$37 million in urgent maintenance work to preschools and schools around the state as part of our stimulus plan.

It is exciting for me to see local schools in my electorate receive grants for this much-needed maintenance. Preschools are invaluable to our community and this year, especially, they have done an amazing job. They thoroughly deserve the \$30,000 maintenance grants. In June, I visited the Darlington Children's Centre where director David Coulter gave me, along with the Minister for Education, a tour and talked about how the preschool was supporting its students. Like every visit to preschools, it highlighted to me the great role preschools play at this critical stage in a child's development.

As well as meeting David, I want to acknowledge the leaders of each of the preschools in my electorate for their amazing role in education: Cathy Hopkins of Ballara Park Kindergarten, Aaron Selway of Dover Kindergarten, Ali McKenna of Oakland's Estate Kindergarten, Emily Wilkins of Somerton Park Kindergarten and Amy Martin of Warradale Kindergarten.

It is also great to see the state government providing maintenance grants worth between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to local primary and secondary schools. In my community, this means that the Paringa Park Primary School, the Marion Primary School, the Brighton Primary School, the Darlington Primary School, the Warradale Primary School, the Brighton Secondary School, Seaview High School and Hamilton Secondary College are all set to benefit from this year's budget.

It has always been such a pleasure for me to visit each of these schools, and allow me to relay just some of my observations of the fantastic work they have been doing this year. In January, Paringa Park Primary School Principal Leanne Prior gave me a tour of the school's new nature play area. After so many months of planning and construction everyone was very excited, and it was amazing to see the completed project ready for use. I congratulate Leanne and the leadership team on continuing to enrich their students' time at school and provide a holistic education.

In July, Minister Gardner and I visited Marion Primary School. Marion Primary School has an open plan without corridors, enabling students to move freely between classrooms, contributing to a positive community atmosphere. We sat in on Mr Nathan Starling's room 10 class as they worked on an impressive engineering project: can you believe it, Mr Speaker, they were constructing the Sydney Opera House entirely out of pop sticks.

I would like to acknowledge the massive contribution of the retiring principal of Marion Primary School, Cheryl Ross. In her time as principal there the student population grew, and she had a positive impact on so many young people and their families. She has certainly left big shoes to fill, but I must commend Acting Principal Rob Sutherland for taking up the role in her absence so naturally and skilfully. Both Cheryl and Rob reflect Marion's strong and positive culture.

Brighton Primary School is another local primary school with an inclusive atmosphere from the moment you step onto the grounds. In August, Principal Ian Filer and students from the student executive showed me around the school community in a personal tour. Brighton is also a Centre of Deaf Education and caters for the learning needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, so they receive the necessary support to excel in school. In fact, my wife and my brother both went to that school and have wonderful fond memories of it. The student executive taught me how to sign the alphabet in Auslan and the deaf choir also performed the song *I am Australian*.

Warradale Primary School turned 60 this year and, in October, the school's birthday committee put on a fantastic 60th birthday celebration. There was an arts exhibition, live music, birthday cake and even a visit from the school's original pupils. Congratulations to Principal Josh Vick and Deputy Principal Sarah French on the successful celebration.

Earlier this year, Lilly, a student from Darlington Primary School wrote me a letter about the weathered condition of their school's state flag. It was great to reply to Lilly's letter with a visit to her and to present the school with a new flag. Like many of Darlington Primary School's students, Lilly is a remarkable young person whose letter to me reflected initiative and active citizenship. I also congratulate Principal Claire Loades on the wonderful work that she does. At that school, they have an intensive English language program which began in 2012 and is led by Lisa Sims. I congratulate her and all the teachers involved.

In August this year, I joined my colleagues the member for Black and the member for Morphett to turn the first sod on the \$13.8 million upgrade of Brighton Secondary School. Principal Tony Lunniss does a great job. That is my old school and all my kids have been through that school. I cannot thank the teachers there enough for the great work they do.

I am running out of time but I need to acknowledge Seaview High School and all involved there. They have received a \$16.2 million upgrade and I would like to acknowledge Principal Penny Tranter. Toby Mills won the Long Tan Award, the Student Choice Award went to Gabe Bath and the Academic Excellence Award went to Lola Walsh. I was there to present those to them the other day. I thank again all the teachers in our schools. I wish them happy holidays at the end of the year and all the best for 2021.

Time expired.

WINE EXPORTS

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (15:22): We have sat in parliament for three days and not once has the Minister for Trade and Investment acknowledged the devastating news we heard on Friday 27 November. On that day, we heard that China had announced the tariffs against our wine. There is complete shock in the industry and disbelief about the severity of these tariffs, from 107 per cent to 212 per cent.

We saw Treasury Wine Estates going to a sudden trading halt because of this news, yet there is absolutely no sense of urgency from the Marshall Liberal government. Three days we have

sat in parliament and we have had two Dorothy Dixers about things that were announced back in September about programs that currently operate. The Labor leader and myself on Friday called for an immediate task force to be called for wine exporters in South Australia, to bring them together, to understand what we could do as a state to support them.

We know that they are making decisions already. We know that people are having to cut staff. They are going to have to reduce contracts in regard to grapes for the wine industry. We know they are going to have to cancel the bottle runs as well. These are immediate impacts. But what do we have from the government? Silence. Absolute silence about what they are doing for our wine exporters. Let's remind ourselves how important this is to South Australia because South Australia is more exposed than any other state to this tariff hike.

Currently, South Australia exports more than \$700 million worth of wine a year to China. We make up the majority of the Australian wine exports, which is at \$1.2 billion. In fact, 30 per cent of all of South Australia's exports is wine to China. This is a provisional response to the anti-dumping measures until August next year, then they may well become permanent.

The reality is that it is going to be unviable, as declared by Brian Smedley, Chief Executive of the South Australian Wine Industry Association, for our exporters to send our wine to China. So what can we do? What should we be doing? We know that we have to diversify the markets we send our wine to, but you cannot diversify your market overnight.

The reality is we are not ready for this. While there is no doubt at all that the tariff was at an extreme amount—much higher than everyone expected—there is no plan in place here. There is no preparation for what we were going to do when this happened, and this is simply not good enough. We saw what happened to the US market from 2016 when their tariffs went up and it is just unforgivable that here in South Australia, where we are more exposed than any other state because of what we export to China, we were not prepared.

We do not have a support package for this industry. We did not have plans in place of how we were going to support these producers. I say to the Minister for Trade and Investment: step up. Show leadership. This is why you have this role. This is why you have this position. There are 8,400 people employed in the grape and wine industry and their jobs are stake. You must act now.

BLACK ELECTORATE

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (15:27): It is a great pleasure to rise at the end of the parliamentary sitting year to make some comments on the challenging year it has been, and in particular to thank the many people within the community that I represent down in the southern suburbs for rallying together in the chaos, uncertainty and really significant social and economic difficulties that 2020 has brought to Australia and to our state. In many ways, it has been heartening. It has been encouraging to see community come together, to support one another, to check in on neighbours and to look out for each other in these very difficult times.

Who would have thought when we entered 2020 that we would be hit by those devastating bushfires in the Adelaide Hills and on Kangaroo Island in particular, then have it backed up by the incredible challenge that would be wrought by the arrival of COVID-19. But we are getting through it. The challenges are being responded to, and it has been great to see not only the government but business and community get alongside one another, form partnerships and push forward as 2020 has progressed.

I want to mention a few groups, people and organisations within my community that have really stepped up this year. In particular, I want to thank our schools and their leadership for getting together, supporting parents and students through the uncertainty and keeping our schools keeping on in this time. I have great schools in my electorate, such as Hallett Cove School R-12. I want to thank Tony Hall, who has been the acting principal there for the past couple of years.

There is also Hallett Cove East Primary School, with Anne Rathjen as the principal, and Hallett Cove South Primary School, with Chris Tippett. Also in my electorate is Woodend Primary School with Principal Steve Freeman, and Sheidow Park Primary School with Jenny-Marie Gorman.

Seacliff Primary School is down the hill, led by Principal Steven Wallis, and there is also Seaview Downs Primary School with Sam Winters.

I particularly want to thank Pauline Glover, Chair of the Governing Council at Seaview Downs Primary School for the work she has undertaken to support that school community as well. We have great governing council chairs throughout my electorate but Pauline really does go above and beyond. Also along Seacombe Road is Seaview High School and Penny Tranter is the principal there. They have kept those schools going and I am incredibly thankful as the local representative for how our schools have responded and the challenges they have met during 2020.

There are many other clubs, sporting clubs and community organisations I want to pay tribute to for keeping going in 2020. We have our tennis clubs at Southbank, Hallett Cove Beach and O'Halloran Hill. We have The Cove Football Club (soccer) and The Cove Cobras, the AFL club. We have The Cove BMX Club, the Seacliff Recreation Centre, the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club, the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club and the clubs around the Brighton sporting precinct—football, cricket, lacrosse and rugby as well.

There are many clubs, and I do not have time to mention them all today, that have all been wrought with uncertainty during 2020, but our clubs make our community what it is. I see organisations like the Hallett Cove Lions Club, and local Rotary and Probus clubs step up and look for ways to support the community, not just hunker down, disappear and use 2020 as a reason to have a year off but quite the opposite. Instead, they look for how they can network and how they can reach out to the more vulnerable and connect across our community.

I have seen the 5049 Coastal Community, the residents' group that looks after the Marino/Kingston Park/Seacliff area, step up to the challenge as well. Then, of course, there is the role played by our great local churches within and around my electorate. They have looked for opportunities to respond to the challenges of 2020.

It has been a year like no other. We have all learnt about each other, and we have learnt about ourselves, but I hope that we are stronger and that we can identify the silver linings. I want to again say thank you to everyone within the electorate of Black for all they have done to sustain our community's resilience in this time. I want to finish up by thanking my electorate staff, Jana Kranixfeld, Ben Freeman, Rachel Koch and Terrence Donaldson for the work they do to support our community; and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and hopefully a brighter year in 2021.

Time expired.

CHINA TRADE TARIFFS

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:32): Last Friday, the Chinese government announced tariffs on Australian wine exports to China of between 107 per cent and 212 per cent. While the decision was not unexpected, it will hurt some producers immediately, and others later, depending on how much wine was just arriving or already on its way to China. For others, it will depend on how much wine was destined for China over the coming months and next year.

This year, 2020, was a low yield vintage which fortunately means many producers will not have a great deal of new stock on hand; nevertheless, this decision will have a negative impact. To say this decision will have a significant impact on the Australian wine industry is an understatement. The impact on grape growing regions and wine producers will vary according to their reliance on the Chinese market.

Some regions and producers have a greater proportion of their sales destined for the Chinese market, while others have a more diversified export profile. But irrespective of the different effect on different producers and regions, the industry as a whole will hurt. This decision will affect future investment plans and ultimately hurt jobs in the industry, from farm to crushing to warehousing to transport.

From my discussions with industry representatives in the Barossa, the Chinese tariff decision will affect some of the big tier producers who are highly geared to the Chinese market. Not only do they sell a greater proportion of their wines to China but also their product is labelled for the Chinese market rather than for the local market. Additionally their ability to diversify their export markets quickly is also limited. They will feel the impact quickly and hard. While diversification will help to

insulate the industry from these types of shocks in the long run, developing new export markets can take years.

Australia is not the only player in the wine export market, and this decision in the short term will help our competitors. Whether it will mark a longer term trend or not, only time will tell. Developing new markets takes a great deal of time and resources, as new supply chains cannot be created overnight. Both their local workforces and growers who supply them with grapes will feel the impact of this decision.

Sadly, this will have a flow-on effect on all businesses in the Barossa, as there is less economic activity. Second-tier producers, who often sell in the premium markets, will feel the impact of the tariffs as consumers look at other brands and regions that may be more affordable. To date, they have been very successful in China on the back of the strong Barossa brand. The Chinese consumer likes Australian wines, and Barossa labels are highly regarded and sought after.

The third-tier group of producers are the Chinese-owned wine producers. Ordinarily, these companies would find access to the Chinese markets less challenging. This decision will impact on them and their future investment plans. Businesses are more likely to invest in new production and grow the industry when the economic environment is more certain. This decision significantly undermines certainty. While shocks to the industry are not new, with prices often fluctuating, this decision, when combined with the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, means the industry will feel the pain more so than in recent years.

While wine is not the only industry in the Barossa, it does provide a foundation for others, particularly tourism and the demand it creates for a range of local goods and services. When the wine industry is hurting, the Barossa as a whole hurts. So what can be done? At the national Chinese government level, it is up to our federal Liberal government to sort out this mess. Hopefully, they can do a better job than they have done to date.

While it is acknowledged that there is less scope for the state government to influence the decision by the national Chinese government, there are things they could do to help the industry retain some market share in China and help local producers position themselves to re-enter the market more strongly when the trade relationship with China is normalised.

As I previously mentioned, consumer demand in China of Australian wines is quite strong. They like our wines and the brand Barossa is well known. That Barossa brand needs to be protected. Consumer perceptions are important, particularly now. Accordingly, the Marshall Liberal government should immediately reverse its decision to reject the Barossa's request to remain GM free. Its clean and green branding is critical to the region. Secondly, the state government should provide support to local producers to maintain their marketing presence in China to help maintain their market share and brand presence in readiness for the markets to re-emerge. The Barossa deserves better and stronger political advocacy.

Time expired.

HOPE VALLEY RESERVOIR

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (15:37): This year has certainly been one we will never forget. It has been challenging for so many right across the world, but for much of this year, particularly earlier on in the year when there were restrictions on certain indoor activities, a lot of people explored more than normal the great outdoors. In fact, one very popular local example of that was Anstey Hill Recreation Park, which I do not think I have seen busier.

In my community, and no doubt right across the state, people certainly very much love the outdoors and are always looking for new opportunities to explore the outdoors with their families. As a great example of that, the Marshall Liberal government is adding to local outdoor areas in our communities through the opening of the Hope Valley Reservoir, which will happen on 13 December this year. It will be open to the public for the first time in 150 years.

The opening up of the reservoir was a key election commitment of the Marshall Liberal team for the north-east, and the government is delivering on that commitment. The community will have the opportunity to explore the reservoir reserve, including walking along the dam wall, which will include lookouts made from shipping containers.

There will be spots within the reserve for picnics. There is something in the order of five kilometres of walking or cycling trails that also link up to the O-Bahn Linear Park. Later down the track, we will see a brand-new nature play space, as well as fitness equipment. I know that fitness equipment is something that is quite often raised with me by members of the community, so I know that will be extremely popular.

One of the greatest aspects of this project is the real ownership that the local community has over the end result, and I would very much like to thank the participants of the community reference group that was really tasked with driving the design process of the reserve on behalf of the wider community in close collaboration with the reservoir's task force and SA Water.

This group put in many hours of their own time to come up with a fantastic design. Also, a great deal of negotiation went on in those meetings, and the community reference group represented a number of different views for the use of that site from the community, and so I very much thank those individuals for their time in that process.

I know that the broader community, and I myself as the local member, are extremely excited about the official opening event happening on 13 November, which will be held between 9.30am and 11.30am. For all those who are keen to come along, please make sure that you register your attendance online via the reservoir's web page. Opening celebrations will see a fair-like atmosphere, with music, food and coffee, and crafting items for the children to take away with them. We are certainly encouraging our visitors, if they can, to arrive by foot or bike.

The opening event is through the gates at the north-west corner of the reserve, directly alongside the O-Bahn bikeway. I certainly know that the access via the O-Bahn bikeway is a very popular aspect of this design amongst many of the residents who live along the O-Bahn between Hope Valley Reservoir and Modbury. This entrance is easily accessible also from Lambert Avenue and Waninga Drive, which are also around the north-west of the reservoir reserve.

Pedestrian and cycle access from the south-west of the reservoir is via Gate 7 on Lyons Road, Dernancourt. As part of the first Wheels Across the Wall launch, bike riders will lead visitors across the dam wall. There will be thousands of message ribbons for people to share their message of hope—#hope—and then tie it to the giant 'hope fence' inside the reserve, which is certainly an important message for this year.

Opening up the Hope Valley Reservoir for recreational activities is a very exciting initiative, and I would like to commend the Minister for Environment and Water for really driving this initiative from opposition into government and now into reality. Many said it was too hard and that it would not be possible but, along with his team and those from the department and SA Water, the minister has certainly proven the doubters wrong.

I have been very lucky as the local member to have had a number of visits to this site, and it is certainly a sight to behold—on the reservoir wall, looking across the water to the trees and to the Adelaide Hills in the distance, it is certainly spectacular. I am very excited, and I know my community is excited, and we cannot wait for the first time in 150 years to see the public have access to this wonderful site.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining)
(15:42): I move:

That the house at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 11am.

Motion carried.

Bills

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

HEALTH CARE (GOVERNANCE) AMENDMENT BILL*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL 2020*Final Stages*

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL (COSTS) AMENDMENT BILL*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

EVIDENCE (VULNERABLE WITNESSES) AMENDMENT BILL*Final Stages*

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) AMENDMENT BILL*Introduction and First Reading*

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (15:48): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (15:49): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I seek leave to have the second reading explanation and explanation of clauses inserted into *Hansard* without my reading them.

Leave granted.

The 2019-20 bushfire season was one of the worst seasons South Australia has ever endured. In January 2020, the state government commissioned the Independent Review into the 2019-20 Bushfire Season (the Review) to examine the state's response to the bushfires and make recommendations to improve future responses. The Review was led by former Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Mr Mick Keelty AO.

Despite the consultation limitations brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, 576 submissions were received, with over 100 targeted surveys and 60 video/teleconferences held. Mr Keelty and the project team delivered the report by the end of June 2020. This was the first report to be delivered nationally into the 2019-20 bushfire season.

The Review made 15 recommendations for improvements based on 68 individual findings. These improvements broadly fell under the following groupings:

1. new trucks, support and equipment for volunteers;
2. better protection for our critical assets;
3. enhanced communications and technology;
4. improved information before and during bushfires; and
5. other governance and capability improvements.

The state government acted quickly, announcing a \$97.5 million package to address the recommendations of the Review.

To align SAFECOM Board operations with accepted governance standards, the Review recommended that the state government consider amending the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 to enable the appointment of an independent chair to the SAFECOM Board. The Review also recommended the introduction of reporting requirements from the State Bushfire Coordination Committee.

The bill implements both recommendations and will improve emergency services governance and support capability improvements. The state government is committed to supporting South Australia's emergency services

volunteers to protect lives and property. This bill forms part of our \$97.5 million response to the Review, which will help to create a safer and more bushfire resilient South Australia.

I commend this bill to the house.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

3—Amendment provisions

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*

4—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation

This clause makes an amendment consequential to the changes to section 11 of the principal Act to ensure that the definition of appointed member includes a member appointed under new paragraph (a) of section 11(1).

5—Amendment of section 11—Constitution of Board

The amendment to clause 11 provides for the appointment of a member who is not an officer, member or employee of an emergency services organisation by the Governor to be the presiding member.

6—Amendment of section 14—Proceedings

This clause deletes from section 14(1) of the principal Act the requirement that, in the absence of the presiding member, the person appointed to preside must be an ex officio member of the Board.

7—Amendment of section 71E—Annual reports

This clause deletes the reference to SACFS and substitutes it with a reference to Minister. It also makes a related amendment requiring the Minister to ensure copies of the report provided to the Minister are laid before both Houses of Parliament.

8—Amendment of section 101—Annual reports

This clause makes a related amendment to the annual report provision as a result of the amendments proposed to section 71E of the principal Act to remove the requirement to provide for the annual report on the activities of the State Bushfire Coordination Committee and the bushfire management committees.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Odenwalder.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (STAND-ALONE POWER SYSTEMS) BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:51): It is very generous of you, Mr Speaker to give me the resumption. I had the opportunity to be briefed by the minister's office between the sitting and lunch. I can confirm that the opposition will probably be satisfied with this bill once I am given the opportunity to take it to my shadow cabinet in the new year. Again, I thank the minister for the briefing. I understand there is no particular rush to get this legislation through. I have some questions I would like to ask the minister in the committee stage. Other than that, we will be making our position known between the houses. I look forward to the committee stage.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:52): I will take this opportunity to say a few words in closing, and then we will presumably go into committee in February, when the parliament resumes. This is a pretty straightforward bill in many ways, but it does make a fairly significant change. Some of the issues the member opposite raised in his second reading contribution I know have been addressed through the lunch break, when he was able to receive a briefing from my staff.

Let me just say very quickly in the short amount of time that we have left that this is something that is very positive. It is a practical solution. It is the first phase of potentially more changes in this area, but it is only the first phase that is in this bill. It is where distribution companies actually have the right to own the standalone power systems. They would then have the responsibility, if it is advantageous, to disconnect the standalone power system from the grid, but the distribution

company would still have the responsibility to make sure that customers on that standalone grid are not disadvantaged in any way.

It does not let the distribution company get out of any responsibilities at all. In fact, it might well be that the distribution company can save some money and the customers who are on that distribution line would be better off. I am just confirming for the member opposite one of his questions. This is a national bill. It is not just a state bill, but certainly different states will have different opportunities with regard to various definitions. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Dr HARVEY: Mr Speaker, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

A quorum having been formed:

Parliamentary Procedure

COMMISSIONER FOR ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT, STATEMENT TO HOUSE

The Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement (Dr R. Thomas) was admitted to the chamber.

The SPEAKER (16:00): Dr Thomas, you were appointed South Australia's Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in July 2018. In December 2018, the Premier announced a two-year Aboriginal Affairs Action Plan with 32 specific actions, one of which was to develop a model to facilitate and enable better engagement between the government and Aboriginal communities, and for Aboriginal voices to be more represented in government decision-making.

In the course of that work, as Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, you are invited to this house to make a presentation to the parliament on your work since the commencement of your appointment in mid-2018. I invite you to address this house.

Dr THOMAS: Mr Speaker, honourable ministers and members of parliament, I thank you for receiving me in this chamber today on this very historic occasion. As you have probably heard already from the stutter in my voice, this is very emotional for me, so I ask for your indulgence as I go through my presentation.

As a proud Kokatha Antakarinja Matu Mirning man, I would like to formally begin my presentation by firstly attending to my cultural obligations. I acknowledge the land that I meet you on today as the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and I respect their spiritual relationship with their country. I pay my respects to the elders past, present and emerging. I also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide Plains region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the descendants of Kurna people today.

I also acknowledge and respect all Aboriginal peoples of South Australia as the first peoples and nations of South Australia. I recognise them as the traditional owners and the original occupants and custodians of the lands and waters of South Australia and that they continue to maintain their cultural heritage beliefs, languages and laws, which are of ongoing importance to them all, including myself.

Mr Speaker, to say that I am extremely honoured to be present in this chamber today and to be a significant part of this auspicious occasion is an understatement. I must also from the outset commend the Premier, the Hon. Steven Marshall MP, for his support and commitment in getting my report to be personally presented to this parliament as the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement.

As a reference point, if this is a step towards a voice to parliament, as per the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and I quote, 'Voice. Treaty. Truth,' then I believe that I have taken a small number of steps today to being the first Aboriginal person to present an Aboriginal voice on the floor of this chamber. What a great honour. We still have a long way to go. I will cover this in my closing statement in my comments about the way forward.

As the Speaker has already stated, I was appointed Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement on 18 July 2018. As commissioner, I report directly to the Premier, who is also the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. In my role, I am an independent voice for Aboriginal South Australians to the state government. I carry this out with a high level of respect, integrity and also vigour.

I would like to put on the record in this chamber the outstanding work of five previous Commissioners for Aboriginal Engagement who in my view have all carried out the roles and functions of commissioner with high distinction and with the utmost respect of the Aboriginal community across South Australia. If I get a bit sooky here, there is somebody sitting up in the visitor's gallery whose name I will refer to. They include:

- the inaugural commissioner, Mr Clinton Wanganeen, who was appointed in 2007;
- the first female Aboriginal commissioner, Ms Khatija Thomas, who I referred to as present with me today;
- Mr Frank Lampard OAM;
- Ms Ina Scales in the APY lands; and
- Mr Harry Miller.

I acknowledge the efforts and the work that those commissioners have carried out ahead of my appointment.

Now to my report. In this report, I detail the achievements of my functions in the period mentioned. A major part of my work since my appointment in 2018 has been Aboriginal engagement, as already pointed out by the Speaker. I will go into more detail about this initiative further on in my report. Throughout my work, I have constantly engaged with the Aboriginal community. I have listened to Aboriginal voices and brought them independently and honestly to government. Through my engagement with the South Australian Aboriginal community, my place within it, I hear the community's views and the challenges it faces as well as the strength in the aspirations.

In this report, in addition to reporting on my activities, I have taken the opportunity to bring to the government and to this parliament my concerns about ongoing exclusions and inequalities experienced by Aboriginal people. While there have been genuine efforts by governments to address Aboriginal disadvantage, Aboriginal people continue to lag behind the rest of the community in nearly every social, economic and health indicator that is available to us.

Aboriginal South Australians continue to experience institutional and systemic racism—this is something we must attack and reject—including in their dealings with the South Australian government, which is of significant concern to members of this parliament. The impact of this racism is complex. Within the context of structural racism in this report, I bring to the parliament's attention a number of areas that are at the forefront of concerns for Aboriginal people. These include:

- women, children and families;
- justice and corrections;
- health and wellbeing;
- housing and homelessness; and
- education and training.

My discussion here is not exhaustive, but the issues raised are recurring, complex and require strategic policy responses. We cannot sit back and allow them to continue. Lack of progress suggests that these issues are intractable. Let me tell you that they are not. The evidence provided here in my report, while not comprehensive, gives truth to the lived experience of the South Australian Aboriginal community as expressed to me over the last two years.

In my report, I have also taken the opportunity to provide my views on some of the positive developments in Aboriginal policy and programs over these last two years under the wardship of the Premier. This list is by no means exhaustive. I look to the honourable ministers here and I am sure honourable ministers can think of some positives in their respective portfolios. This is a starting point through my eyes and engagements with my communities.

I commend the government for some of the positive developments that have been put in place to improve the lives of Aboriginal South Australians, and these include, as a starting list:

- the Aboriginal Affairs Action Plan;

- appointment of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People;
- the strategic cabinet and the involvement of the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council;
- the all-of-government Reconciliation Action Plan;
- custody notification service regarding Aboriginal people when an Aboriginal person is detained in custody;
- cultural awareness training for cabinet and the Senior Management Council; and
- the Lot Fourteen Aboriginal art and culture centre.

There are others, but in the time allotted I have given the ones that, from my perspective and certainly from the views that I have had from Aboriginal community members, are significant ones.

Now to the Aboriginal engagement reform. I have dedicated a number of pages in my report on the proposed reform. Why? Because it is a significant way forward for us as Aboriginal people in this state. As there is limited time available to go through this initiative in full—and I invite all to make reference to the sections in my report about the finer details—I will provide a summary of some of the key points about the status of the reform.

Following statewide consultations with the Aboriginal community, I have developed and proposed a new model of engagement: an Aboriginal representative body. As proposed in its initial phase, it will comprise elected and appointed members directly accountable to the Aboriginal community. We have not had this in South Australia before.

The three tenets of the Uluru Statement from the Heart are voice, treaty and truth. The Aboriginal representative body I believe I have brought to this government on behalf of the state's Aboriginal community will bring a voice and truth to the government. This is an important step in seeing Aboriginal South Australians enjoy the full rights and benefits we hope for all South Australians.

My original proposal was for elections to be conducted for the Aboriginal representative body in the first half of 2020, with a view to establishing the body on 1 July 2020. This timetable has been stalled. We all know and are aware of the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Amongst other things, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the Aboriginal community in a very big way. During the four months from March 2020, access to designated Aboriginal communities was not permitted and there were restrictions. Across the state, general health restrictions limited consultations and curtailed any opportunity to commence the work for the elections.

I am also disappointed that implementation of the Aboriginal engagement form model did not receive funding in the recent state budget. While I welcome assurances that some funding will be provided through Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation until 30 June 2021, I do not believe it is appropriate that the establishment of a genuinely representative Aboriginal voice to parliament be funded from an already reduced budget for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

Despite the revised funding allocation, my office will continue its work to establish an Aboriginal representative body in the latter half of 2021. We will pursue these three pieces of fundamental work to achieve this, as endorsed by the Premier. These being, firstly, drafting election rules around issues such as eligibility for voter registration, enrolment provisions, complaints and dispute resolution processes, election methodology and ward composition. We have come close to completing the drafting of all of that. Secondly and most importantly is the drafting of legislation for the election of the five candidates from the five wards. The third is establishing an electoral roll of Aboriginal South Australians and the mechanisms to promote and support voter registration.

For the reform to be implemented in full, long-term dedicated funding must be provided in the 2020-21 budget and future state budgets. This is a commitment that we must all try to stand by. This will support the initial election and ongoing sustainability of an Aboriginal representative body, including secretariat support, remuneration for members, a recurrent electoral cycle and continuous engagement with the Aboriginal community across the state.

I recognise that there is a level of nervousness among the Aboriginal people across our state about the risk of COVID-19. I believe that many of our communities across this country are nervous. This may continue to present challenges for engagement and the electoral process; however, we should not lose sight of the significance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, in which truth-telling and an Aboriginal voice were the key messages of the broader Aboriginal community.

The Office of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement will continue to pursue self-determination for Aboriginal people through a genuinely representative Aboriginal voice. We must have regard for this voice and this initiative remains my priority.

The way forward—and, Mr Speaker, in this section you may find that I get emotional and I stand by and ask you to indulge me. The strong cultural community and family ties that characterises South Australia's Aboriginal community offers ways forward, despite the challenges I have mentioned, as does our relationship to country.

The community is clear about the way forward. It is through leadership by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people and through a genuine and representative voice for Aboriginal people into government. It is through mutual respect. The Aboriginal representative body proposed here and formulated through engagement with Aboriginal people across the state will support the full participation of Aboriginal people in the life of this state.

On this very special day, I have created my footprint into the Parliament of South Australia. As the Uluru statement is titled 'from the Heart', I wish to now speak to you from my heart. Here we go. This is my 47th year working in the struggles and advancement of my people. It has been a very long journey but I am not finished yet. My final message to all of you today is to say that while too many people who work all their life for their people often run out of faith and hope, I want you to know that I have a very strong sense of hope and a very strong level of commitment left in my tank.

I believe that the footprint that I have created in this chamber today will not fade but will be the footprint for future generations of Aboriginal people to follow and to walk on. The Premier has laid the foundations of an element of the Uluru Bringing Them Home report by having me present my report today to this chamber, and I am grateful to the parliament for giving me this opportunity.

Once again, I commend the honourable Premier for his commitment. I also note the hanging of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in the chamber today. This is a further significant milestone achieved and I congratulate you on that. South Australia can be proud of today's historic event as I do not believe any other state or territory has done what we have achieved today, Mr Premier.

I strongly believe that for us to progress what has been started today, as it is often stated, Aboriginal affairs should be bipartisan, and it is to that end I strongly encourage this parliament to fully apply the full spirit and principles of bipartisanship in working with me and other significant Aboriginal people to progress the Aboriginal voice.

In conclusion, honourable ministers and members of parliament, I have the great pleasure to present to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Steven Marshall, and the Parliament of South Australia, the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement's Biannual Report for the period July 2018 to November 2020. Thank you.

Adjournment Debate

VALEDICTORIES

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:21): On indulgence, I rise to make some concluding remarks for the year 2020—and what a year it has been. What a privilege and a pleasure it has been this afternoon to have Dr Roger Thomas, the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, present his report as the commissioner for the very first time. It is the first time that this chamber has ever had that voice. I thank the commissioner for his hard work and for this historic moment for our chamber.

It was 40 years ago, almost to this very month, when this chamber was busily engaged in the debates leading up to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act. Next year, we will celebrate and commemorate when that piece of groundbreaking legislation passed this parliament, and it is important to note that this parliament—this state—has had some highs in terms of our engagement with Aboriginal people in South Australia. We have had some groundbreaking

legislation go through this chamber. We have had some nation-leading positions that this state has taken. We were the first jurisdiction to apologise to the stolen generations.

But just as we have had some highs, we have had some lows here in South Australia and there still remains an enormous amount of work to be done. I for one know that we all have a shared responsibility to work to improve the lives of Aboriginal South Australians, and again I thank the commissioner for his historic address in our chamber today.

This has been an extraordinary year. Almost 12 months to the day, the bushfires began in South Australia. They affected so many lives, and I would like to place on the record in my valedictory remarks for the year my grateful thanks to all those people who worked so hard to extinguish those fires. Many people lost property. Many people lost livestock. Tragically, three lives were lost in South Australia during those bushfires.

I do want to thank all the men and women of the CFS, the SES, our firefighters in the MFS, SAPOL officers and all the volunteers, whether they be in one of those groups or part of a farm firefighting group. So many people worked tirelessly together to attack those fires, to extinguish those fires, and then work diligently in the rebuilding of communities, lives and properties in South Australia.

Of course, this year has been punctuated by COVID-19. I do not think any of us will ever forget 2020 and the effects on individuals, families, businesses, our state, the nation and the world. This is something that I had never envisaged could possibly have occurred, and I have to say that I am very proud of the way that South Australia has responded to this coronavirus.

I have already placed on the record earlier today in this chamber my grateful thanks to the people within SA Health: our Chief Public Health Officer in South Australia, Dr Nicola Spurrier in her large and expanding group of health professionals, including Dr Tom Dodd, Dr Louise Flood, Dr Katina D'Onise and their teams in SA Pathology within the Communicable Disease Control Branch for the great work they have done.

I have spoken at length about SAPOL and the wonderful work that they have done. I also want to acknowledge the very hard work that the Transition Committee does. This is the group that is responsible for easing the restrictions in South Australia. It has health representatives, SAPOL representatives, and it also has the Under Treasurer, David Reynolds; the Chief Executive of the Department for Trade and Investment, Leonie Muldoon; and it is chaired by the Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Jim McDowell.

I would like to place on the record today my grateful thanks to all the people who do the work on that Transition Committee. This is not an easy committee to be on. In fact, it is a quite thankless task, but it is an important task where they balance the health, the social and the economic consequences of every, single restriction that we have in place.

Jim McDowell will be leaving the Public Service. In fact, he was due to complete his service to the people of South Australia at the end of November. He has very graciously extended his time for the next two weeks to assist us as we tackle this Parafield cluster. I am very genuinely grateful for the excellent leadership that he has provided in the Public Service and in my department for the past two plus years.

He is an extraordinary contributor from a business perspective and from a community perspective. He was not born in South Australia, as anybody who has ever met him would know, but he is a very proud South Australian. We are very grateful for his service and we wish him all the very best in what lies ahead.

To my colleagues, I would like to place on the public record my grateful thanks to the Deputy Premier, the Attorney-General, for her great work in this chamber this year during a very difficult time when I was taken offline with COVID responsibilities. The Deputy Premier has made sure that we have not moved away from our legislative agenda this year, and I thank her, all the members of my cabinet and all the members of my party for the great work that they have done, united and focused on delivering for the people of South Australia despite the great challenges that we have faced as a state.

I would like also to acknowledge the great work of the Treasurer, who has never ever seen so much red ink in his entire life. I think that many people are traumatised with this year's

proceedings. The Treasurer is probably the most traumatised by the amount of money that he has had to hand over recently. We thank him for his work as the Treasurer of South Australia and as the Leader of the Government in the other place.

I also would like to place on the record my very, very grateful thanks to my assistant minister, the Hon. Jing Lee, who serves with distinction—and she has since she came into this parliament. We have a very harmonious multicultural relationship across our state. We should never ever take this for granted. We must work very hard. I cannot think of anybody who works harder than the Hon. Jing Lee.

I would like to thank the Leader of the Opposition. This has been a very tough year and I have had to have probably more conversations with the Leader of the Opposition this year than in all previous years added together. It has been important that we do work in a coordinated way to tackle coronavirus.

One practical example in recent weeks was when we were faced with the significant developing cluster in Parafield, the Leader of the Opposition—in fact all members of the opposition—were more than accommodating. In fact, they reached out and asked, 'What can we do to assist with the program for the estimates committee?' I thank them for that. This can often be a very combative place, but this is a time when we have worked to serve the people of our state, and for that I am very grateful.

I also would like to place on the record today my grateful thanks to all the people who work within my office. There were an extraordinary number of hours done by very dedicated people and also by the people who work at my electorate office. I think the number of inquiries this year has been extraordinary. One month I think I had in excess of 12,000 pieces of correspondence. I am very grateful to all the people who have listened respectfully to some of the frustrations and concerns of South Australians who have been trying to grapple with, trying to understand and trying to process what we have all had to face this year.

Finally, I would like to provide my thanks to the people who work in this place. This is an extraordinary year, as we have already stated, and it is a year when the people in this place have had to adapt and change. Change is not always something people in this place like to embrace. Nevertheless, there have been changes here, as evidenced by the flags, which now hang proudly in our chamber.

I would like to thank our Clerk, Rick Crump, for his excellent leadership of this House of Assembly, and the Deputy Clerk, David Pegram, who sits alongside him at the moment. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Clerk in the Legislative Council and Black Rod, Chris Schwarz and Guy Dickson.

I would like to particularly, as I always do, thank David Woolman. I feel very privileged that we come to work in such an incredible building, but it does not just stand up without a lot of tender loving care. I think it is an incredible privilege to come here every day, and I want to thank David Woolman and his great team for preserving and always looking for opportunities to enhance the fabric of this incredible institution.

I would like to thank all those who work in the Parliament Research Library under the great leadership of Dr John Weste. Whenever I go in there, there is this great sense of pride in the history of our state, in the collection that they have and the opportunity they have to serve the people of this parliament and, more broadly, the people of South Australia.

I would like to thank the catering team led by Creon Grantham. It is always a great honour to bring people into the Strangers' Dining Room. It is an incredible privilege to have that opportunity and it gives us a sense of occasion to thank and honour some people who have made a contribution more broadly in South Australia. I genuinely want to thank Creon Grantham.

I would like to acknowledge all the great work of the people who work in the Blue Room, who listen to our gripes and our grumbles and sometimes our hilarious stories on a very regular basis. To Casey, Nicky, Karen and Belinda, in particular, and I would like to acknowledge that it is Nicky's birthday today, so happy birthday, Nicky.

To Ben down in the cellar, to everybody who works in the Procedure Office, the cleaning staff, the switchboard team, the maintenance team and our very dedicated security team, I say a very genuine thankyou from me and the government.

I would also like to acknowledge all those people who work more broadly, some people I do not come into contact with every day—people who work in PNSG, people who work in finance and who do all the tasks that mean this is a smooth functioning parliament. Thank you very much.

I wish everybody here an opportunity to get some relaxation over this period. I know that many people in this place did not have a second to relax over last year's festive period, in particular the member for Kavel, the member for Mawson and the member for Morialta. These members had to work supporting their communities through an extraordinarily difficult time. I hope that you get double time to put your feet up this year and relax. Congratulations on the great job they have done serving their communities. I offer that same congratulations to you, Mr Speaker, in your support for people in Heysen affected by the Adelaide Hills bushfires.

It has been a tough year. I will be very glad when the calendar ticks over to 2021 and I hope that 2021 is a very successful year for us as a state.

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:34): I thank the Premier for his contribution. Similarly, I would also like to acknowledge Dr Roger Thomas for his historic address to the parliament this afternoon. I think it is worth acknowledging Dr Thomas's work in trying to address important policy issues that confront the Aboriginal community in South Australia and the work that is being undertaken by him and his colleagues. I also acknowledge the fact that there is an extraordinary amount of work to be done in the future.

One image that has never left me was from when I was corrections minister, when I had my first chance to go out to Port Augusta Prison. It was an extraordinarily sobering experience to see firsthand the human representation of a statistic that Australians have become all too familiar with in terms of the over-representation of Indigenous people in custody. For as long as we have that challenge here in South Australia and across the rest of the country, then clearly there remains work to be done. I commend the address from Dr Thomas today and wish him all the very best in his endeavours.

The year 2020 has been an extraordinary year, and I think we have often reflected on that. Being the year that it has, I think it is worthwhile to commence these end of year remarks by acknowledging the contribution of particular people we do not often reflect upon in similar remarks in years prior. I want to start with the silent heroes of this COVID-19 pandemic. Those heroes of course are our frontline workers in various roles who, without any equivocation, have continued to serve our community day and night with humility and distinction. From our frontline police officers to our nurses and doctors in hospitals to those hardworking pathologists, scientists and technicians in the background, everyone is doing everything they can to help tackle the pandemic.

But there are others, and I am talking about people in places like supermarkets and other industries that have just gone on with the business of delivering frontline services. We do not really think about supermarket workers or people in DCs as heroines or heroes. They certainly do not see themselves that way, but this year they have been front and centre of making sure the most elementary of functions, making sure there is food on the table, are performed in a way that we all desperately need. They have done it amazingly well under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. I want to start by acknowledging those humble heroes throughout the crisis.

Then there are other humble heroes, those people who cannot attest to working during the pandemic. I am talking about those people who have lost their livelihoods, lost their jobs, lost their businesses. These people have willingly sacrificed themselves and their families in order to keep everybody else safe. It is an extraordinary act to watch your livelihood disappear before your eyes and compromise your ability to provide for yourself and your family. That is an extraordinary sacrifice that needs to be acknowledged. Those people continue to deserve our support, but they also deserve our recognition and thanks for so humbly making the sacrifice in the name of our health.

Of course, the effort around the pandemic has not been able to occur without extraordinary leadership, starting with the man in the hottest seat of them all, and that of course is the State Coordinator, Mr Grant Stevens. He has had an extraordinary amount of responsibility thrust on his

shoulders in a way that no-one would have anticipated at the beginning of the year, and I think he has performed that task with valour. Obviously, of course, he has been ably assisted by other key officials, not the least of whom is Professor Nicola Spurrier, and I thank her for her work. Working in conjunction with the Premier, they have done an incredible amount to do everything they reasonably can as a state to keep the health of South Australians first.

Throughout the course of the pandemic the opposition has tried to do what it can from its relative position to try to be as constructive as possible. I want to acknowledge the Premier's remarks he made earlier and thank him for that recognition. He does not owe us that recognition, so I particularly thank him for making those remarks. We have made a number of constructive suggestions along the way, many of which have been taken up by the Marshall Liberal government. I think most South Australians would acknowledge that is parliamentary democracy and government working at its best.

The vaccine provides us with hope and much good news in recent days. We in the opposition, as I am sure are those in the government, are watching that news closely. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can have an expedited rollout of a vaccine, not just locally but throughout the world, to relieve us of this scourge that has been COVID-19.

Here in the parliament a lot has to happen for us to be able to undertake our work, and I want to thank all those people in our parliament who facilitate that exercise, particularly all the parliamentary staff. They come in varying forms. If I may start by acknowledging the staff within the chamber itself of course, with you, Rick and David, and the Hansard staff. Hansard staff, I do not know how you do it sometimes. I do not know if your task diminishes your faith in democracy or enhances it—do not answer that question—but we thank you for your tireless efforts nonetheless.

Of course, there are all the other staff who work in the parliament, including the catering staff, led by Creon, and the whole team. I remember the Premier reflecting at one point early on in his reign as Premier that in opposition you spend more time in the parliament than you do in government, and you get to know some of the staff a bit better throughout that exercise. That has been wholeheartedly enjoyable over the last 2½ years or thereabouts and, to Creon and his team, I thank you very much.

I, too, would like to acknowledge Nicky on her birthday today. She told me this morning she was 21, and then Karen quickly corrected the record and said, 'She is lying; she's 23.' So happy 23rd birthday Nicky. Nicky is a constituent of mine and lives not too far from where I do in the community of Bowden Brompton, so no doubt I will hear the cops coming around at some point or another in the neighbourhood telling her to keep a lid on it this evening. I do hope she has nice dinner out, maybe even at The Brompton, which is our shared local.

Of course, there are other staff involved in the parliament. The Premier rightly mentioned David Woolman and the team, and also John Weste, the library staff and everybody else. Thank you for all your hard work and indeed, on occasions, patience. I want to thank my staff in the leader's office led by JB and a great team around him. To the extent that I do anything right, often that is on the back of their service not just to me. I hope they feel in their hearts that it is a service not to the person who is in this office, or indeed the office itself, but to the broader labour movement as a whole and the ideals that we hold dear.

I would also like to put on the record my thanks to my electorate staff led by Corey Harriss. Being leader, as the Premier knows, does not allow one to necessarily spend as much time in the electorate as one would hope, so those staff become particularly important and I thank them for everything they do.

I want to thank the caucus, the parliamentary Labor party members and their team. I feel so fortunate to be able to rely unfailingly on the support of the entirety of the caucus. Our unity is one of our great strengths here in South Australia. It is underpinned by a good culture that we have developed for many decades, but ultimately the custodians of that culture are caucus members themselves, and I want to thank them wholeheartedly for their ongoing faith in me and my team. I look forward to hopefully repaying that faith and trust as we get close to the election. I thank you sincerely.

I do want to put on the record, naturally, particular thanks to a handful of members. That of course starts with the deputy leader of the parliamentary Labor Party, Susan Close. I rely on Susan

heavily in many regards, and I am very much enjoy working with her as we round out our policy development exercise in the next year, so thank you very much to Susan and her team.

I want to thank the Hon. Kyam Maher in the other place. Kyam is an outstanding leader of the party within the upper house. It is a role that he has held in both government and opposition, and he provides unfailing support in understanding the machinations of the Legislative Council and ensuring that the opposition uses the Legislative Council to great effect to assist policy and the South Australian people generally. So I want to put on the record my thanks to Kyam.

All my shadow cabinet deserve thanks, but I want to thank Chris Picton—hopefully the Hon. Chris Picton in due course—

Mr Picton interjecting:

Mr MALINAUSKAS: He was for a few months, yes. The member for Kurna has done a particularly important job as far as the opposition is concerned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are frequently on the phone late in the evening and sometimes early in the morning—very early in the morning—so I just want to thank you, Chris. I also want to thank Gemma in his office, who is an absolute star. She really punches above her weight, so I want to put my thanks on the record.

The Leader of Opposition Business in this place is like no other, and I want to thank the member for West Torrens for his ongoing support and leadership in this role. He is someone who is frequently on their feet. Whether or not that is to the joy of the government probably depends on the subject or the victim, but I do want to thank you, Tom, for all your ongoing support, ably assisted by the whip, of course, Mr Michael Brown.

The other people I have to thank are my family. We are so lucky, all of us in these roles, that we have very, very patient loved ones. I do want to acknowledge my beautiful wife, Annabel. I know that 2020 is often talked about as being a tough year; we had a bundle of joy in 2020 with the birth of our third child, our daughter Eliza. Annabel has just gone back to work in the last couple of weeks, so we have re-engaged in the ritual of total chaos at home.

The truth is that is only able to be done because of Annabel's amazing organisational skills, being able to coordinate which child goes where on which day. We have three different drop-offs going at the moment; it is absolute bedlam but, unfailingly, she somehow manages to make it all work like clockwork. I cannot thank her enough, particularly for her love and support throughout the course of this year.

Christmas is about family, and we all have families in this place. This is a tough business; it is the toughest of them all, and 2020, in some instances, has been particularly tough for members of this chamber. I want to acknowledge the impost that politics often imposes upon those people outside the chamber, close loved ones, and hope they enjoy some respite from the toughness of politics over the Christmas period.

There are people in our community who are not as fortunate to have close family around them at Christmas or a reliable job to earn an income from, people who are less fortunate than all of us here. We should all spare a thought for those South Australians and make sure that in 2021 we devote ourselves to them, hopefully enjoying the full beauty that life can offer with the love and support of the community around them.

The final thing I will say is that we have reflected on how 2020 is a tough year and that is true, it is tough, but we should draw strength and confidence from our predecessors. Throughout the course of the 20th century there were sustained periods of extraordinary struggle that well and truly exceeded what we are undergoing now in 2020, particularly people of my generation who, quite frankly, in their adult life have never seen recession.

We have not seen anything in comparison to our grandmothers and our grandfathers in terms of struggle, so we can draw from them confidence and inspiration that whatever challenges 2020 has thrown at us will be easily overcome, with brighter days ahead.

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (16:49): I will not hold the house long but the crossbench does exist and we would like to acknowledge the statements of both the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition and echo wholeheartedly all their sentiments. The crossbench has hopefully worked

constructively with both sides of the house, and looks forward to continuing to do so, and thanks the Premier and the government for the extra resource that we have been grateful to have to make sure we can make a contribution to this place.

It is a historic day and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the Premier finally putting the flags here. It is just great. I never thought I would see the day. As a crossbench team, we have done our best. We think we punch above our weight and we are very grateful to our staff, too, both here in the house and in our electorate offices. We represent the entire state, as we have two members with large regional electorates, and we think two very important city electorates. We would also like to acknowledge the help of the Clerk of the house and his staff in making sure we take as much advantage as we can from our role here.

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (16:51): As has been customary for the whip, I would also like to contribute to these end-of-year remarks and, like others, acknowledge the fact that this year has been an incredible year. As others have said, we started off with bushfires that were already occurring and then continued, which had a catastrophic impact on the entire country.

The Liberal party room went on a trip for our early party room seminar to Kangaroo Island and saw the devastation that had occurred on that island. It was something I had never seen on that scale. The impact it had on that community was obviously immense, but that certainly was not it. There were the Adelaide Hills, Yorke Peninsula, the South-East and many other parts of our state.

If that was not enough, then our world was hit by a pandemic, by a novel coronavirus, the likes of which our world has not seen for 100 years. This is a virus that about 14 or 15 months ago probably did not exist; 13 months ago there was a cluster of viral pneumonia in a province in China and people were wondering what was going on. The next thing you know we have something finding its way all around the world.

Before I came here, I used to work on infectious diseases and, in my undergraduate studies, we studied pandemics. We had some lectures on it and it was very academic and theoretical. You do not think of these things happening. The examples always given were the flu and, to some extent, that is a novel entity. But to think something like this could happen where, a few weeks ago, 1.7 million people were asked to stay at home and everyone did, I must admit I did not know that that could happen. To the credit of the state, everyone got on and did what they needed to do to support the effort, but it is quite a surreal thing we are living through now. In the future, there will be a chapter not only in our country's history but quite frankly in the world's history about what is happening right now.

I think that as a country and a state we can be proud of not only how governments have responded but how we have responded as a nation. You look at how so many other countries around the world have tried to grapple with this and I think it shows a very strong pragmatic streak that Australians have that we take on expert advice and say, 'That makes sense to us. This is what we need to do to keep ourselves and others safe.' I would have to concur with the Leader of the Opposition's remarks in that we have asked many people to forgo their livelihoods for a period of time to keep the community safe.

Obviously, not during the more intense periods, but later on I was doing quite a lot of doorknocking, as many of us do. Often one of the questions I would ask people is: how has the pandemic impacted you? A number of people I spoke to were out of work because of restrictions associated with the pandemic. Not one of them was angry or blaming anyone else for that, but they had really just taken it on. It was not a responsibility that was easy for them to take, but they understood everyone's role in this and that everyone has a part to play.

On a personal note, coming into Christmas, I am very pleased to see the Victorian border open up. My brother lives in Melbourne with his daughter, who is just over one year old, and I have not seen her since December last year. My parents live here, so her grandparents have not seen her since January this year. I am, like so many others who are much more severely impacted, certainly very pleased to see the borders open and, in my case, have our family reunited for Christmas.

I am relatively new in the role of Government Whip. I had the role of Deputy Whip since the election and I would really like to place on record my thanks to the member for Hammond for his work as whip until I took on this role, and also for his guidance and support. This support went on through my period as Deputy Whip and has continued now that I am in this role. I would very much

like to thank him for that. He calls it 'the whips union'. Some of the challenges that we as whips have to grapple with are perhaps not always completely understood by everybody else, and I would very much like to thank him for his service in his role as whip and thank him very much for supporting me.

I would also like to thank my Deputy Whip, the member for King, for her support. I would like to acknowledge the Manager of Government Business, the Minister for Energy and Mining. I think we work very well together in helping keep things running along. I would like to thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to thank the Deputy Speaker, the member for Flinders, who I work with quite a lot. He is a fantastic member in this place. I must admit I was very sad to hear of his retirement at the end of this term. He has certainly made an enormous contribution to this place.

I would also like to acknowledge the Attorney-General, who spends a lot of time in this place and, as a result, we work together quite often. I would like to acknowledge the Opposition Whip. I think we have a pretty good working relationship, and I think it has been quite good over the time that I have been in this role, so I would like to acknowledge him for that. I would also like to thank the Manager of Opposition Business for making sure he keeps me on my toes during those pairing arrangements and divisions. Thankfully, we have had them all right to date.

I would like to thank my whip's office staff, particularly Jessica, who came across from the member for Hammond. She does a wonderful job in helping me get into this role and does all the work behind the scenes to make it look to the untrained eye like a well-oiled machine. I would like to thank the rest of my electorate office staff: Kay, Lloyd, Josh, and Shaana our trainee, as well as the casual staff who come in and help us out every now and again.

I would like to thank all the staff who help keep this place running. I know others have done so, but I think it is important that I do this as well. In no particular order, I would like to acknowledge David Woolman, the Manager of Building Services; Paul Chadwick for his role as part of the team for the broadcasting and filming—text message banter is something that Paul certainly likes, and I very much appreciate that—all the catering staff, led by Creon Grantham, and certainly the Blue Room staff, who make sure that I am on the straight and narrow in terms of actually eating a proper meal at lunchtime and providing me with that important advice.

I would like to thank Corporate Services, led by Pauline Thomson; Finance, led by Kent Nelson and his team; and all of Hansard, led by Andrew Cole. Thank you for everything you do. As the Leader of the Opposition said, I do not know how you do it. It takes an extraordinary amount of patience. I am sure that you often think we prattle on endlessly and not always with an apparent purpose, but thank you very much for the work you do. It is essential for how this place operates, so thank you very much. Dr John Weste, the parliamentary librarian, is a wonderful member of the parliament's staff. Whenever I, as a local MP, have brought through a Probus Club or a school group, he could not do enough to share wisdom with whatever age group—

The Hon. A. Piccolo: And entertain.

Dr HARVEY: —and entertain. He really does a wonderful job and I think his contribution could never be underestimated.

I would like to thank PNSG. I am sure it would be a challenging role at times, with members of parliament calling up with stupid questions about why things do not work, blaming them and finding out that that is not really what was at fault. I would like to thank Serjeant-at-Arms, Lauren Williams, who also works on behalf of the Police Security Services Branch. To the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Rick and David, thank you for your patience with me and for bouncing up and answering the various questions I have at different times. I also thank the house services attendants and parliamentary officers for everything they do.

If I have left anyone out, I am very sorry, but thank you for everything everyone does to keep this place running. In conclusion, I would very much like to wish all members and their families and friends a safe and merry Christmas, and I wish you all what could only hopefully be a better and happier new year in 2021.

Mr BROWN (Playford) (17:00): Merry Christmas to everyone in this chamber. I would like to start by thanking my electorate staff and my whip's office staff, led by the very capable Caleb Flight, who is well known to all opposition members for his occasional jocularity but often sternness

toward members. I thank him. As much as I might give him the odd ribbing, I actually do not know what I would do without him, so I thank him so much for all his work throughout the year. I would like to thank Mr Sav Ly in my electorate office, along with Ms Catelyna Lawless, and also my very, very reliable and essential world game adviser, Mr Nick Antonopolous. I do not what I would do without him in my office.

I would like to thank the Clerk for his constant advice. I like to think that he enjoys our little chats where I pepper him with hypothetical motions and so forth and try to get his responses; I hope he enjoys them nearly as much as I do. I would also like to thank the Deputy Clerk, who is also very helpful from time to time, so thank you so much.

Something has already been said about Hansard staff, but I would like to add my contribution. I do think that in years to come, perhaps centuries from now, people will look back upon the things that we say—not what I say in this chamber but what some people say in this chamber—and, because we have such reliable and accurate Hansard staff, they will actually be able to make some sense out of the things we say. I know they do their absolute best to take our random musings in this place and make them into good sense and make them logical, so thank you so much for all the good work you do.

What would we do without the catering staff and their constant ability to keep us fed and watered in this place? I thank them so much for everything they do. Particularly over the last few years, I have appreciated their ability to keep us fed with a variety of cuisine from around the world—always something to behold—so thank you so much for all your efforts.

I thank the committee staff, particularly those associated with the ERD Committee, of which I am now once again a member after a short hiatus. I certainly enjoy my time on the committee, which is led by the iron fist of the member for MacKillop, who is a very powerful Chair. I thank him for all that he does. His chairing style is a bit more direct and not nearly as relaxed as that of the member for Hammond, who was the Chair when I was on the committee previously, but I thank him for everything he does.

The library staff, led by the incredible John Weste, are very helpful whenever I ask them to do anything. I know lots of other members have remarked to me just what an incredible resource the library is here in Parliament House and what an excellent job Dr Weste and his team do. The support staff also do a fantastic job keeping the place organised. They are the people you see moving around and working behind the scenes, but I appreciate the fact that if it were not for them and all the work they do, this place would come to a stop.

I would like to thank you, Mr Speaker, for everything you have done this year. I know it was an interesting start, but now that we are finishing up at the end of the year I hope that we are on a bit more of an even keel and a more solid relationship, so thank you so much. I will not complain about the number of times that I am asked to leave the chamber because, truth be known, often I would say it is a fair cop. Thank you so much for all you have been doing this year, Mr Speaker.

I cannot make a valedictory statement without talking about the Deputy Speaker, who has rather unfortunately announced his retirement this week. I think I can say without fear of contradiction that the member for Flinders is the most popular member of this chamber across both sides. He is a man of the utmost integrity who has been something of a mentor in a variety of ways to many of us in this chamber. He is always happy to give advice, always happy to listen to people's views and always happy to give his own honest and fearless response, and I think we are all the better for having served in the parliament with him. I wish him well in his retirement. Although he is coming back next year, I want to take this opportunity now to wish him well.

I would like to thank the Government Whip, who is the second Government Whip I have had to—'deal with' are not really the right words—work with. I think he has moved into the job very well. Although he and I are both in our first terms, I think we are trying to find our way and I think we are getting there together, so I would like to thank him for all he has done.

I must also thank the previous Government Whip, the member for Hammond. He is also a man I have certainly enjoyed working with. I know many people on the opposition side say 'work for', but I have never 'worked for' the member for Hammond, just 'worked with'. I would like to thank the deputy government whip, the member for King, and I look forward to having more to do with her in the coming year.

I would like to thank my colleagues for allowing me to continue as the Opposition Whip. I know humility is something that is often sorely lacking in politics, so I do appreciate the regular free character assessments I have been known to get from my colleagues from time to time when I let them know about things like late-night sittings and other things like that, so I do thank them for all that.

I would like to thank my own Deputy Whip, the member for Taylor, for assisting me throughout the year. His assistance has been valuable. He does a lot of things here in the chamber so I do not have to, and that is always greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the member for West Torrens for filling in for me while I was unavoidably detained earlier this year. I would like to thank the JPSC members. I have stepped off the JPSC now to be replaced ably, I believe, by the member for Lee, who I am sure will do an excellent job, so I would like to thank all my former colleagues on the JPSC.

Finally, I really would like to acknowledge and thank the people of my own community of Parafield Gardens, Mawson Lakes and Para Hills. It has been a very difficult year for many of us in that area, particularly more recently. When they asked us all to go and get tested, we all went and got tested. Thousands of people lined up, often for hours upon hours, to do their bit to try to keep our state safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. When they asked us to isolate, we all isolated and waited for our test results. When many of us were asked to quarantine, we quarantined and then, when many of us were asked to get tested again, we went and got tested again.

Being in quarantine for two weeks for me meant that I missed a day of parliament and I missed estimates, but for many of my constituents and members of my community it meant they missed work, it meant their businesses were in trouble because of what was going on, it meant they missed being with their family or it meant they missed human contact altogether. They never grumbled, they never complained, they just did it because they wanted to do their bit to keep our state safe, so I thank them for all the sacrifices they made. I recommit to them that I will do my best to make sure that their 2021 is a hell of a lot better than 2020 was.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:09): It is my pleasure to say a few words. I will not go through too many people individually because that has happened a lot already; suffice to say, my support of all those individuals is certainly there. But there are a few things I do want to say.

We know about 2020, and of course we think about COVID, but let me just remind everybody that 2020 started in drought, and then we had bushfires and then the drought was still going on, and then we had COVID, and then the drought was still going on. Thankfully, the drought is not still going on. It is not right to think that all primary producers are out of difficulty, because it takes a fair while after it stops raining for people to really be in the grip of drought. It takes a fair while after it starts raining—if you are lucky enough, hopefully it keeps raining—before you are out of the grip of drought.

There are certainly still plenty of challenges and so, while we still do wrestle with COVID-19, there are people all over our state wrestling with lots of other challenges as well, and for some people those challenges are compounded. I am sure all members will be thinking of people who are in these sorts of difficulties, particularly over Christmas and into the new year.

It has been a tough year, of course. No more needs to be said about that, but we have learnt. We have learnt so much. The world will never be the same. In some ways, we will miss some things, but in some ways it will be better. We have learnt and learnt, and we have learnt in South Australia, I am sure, better than just about any other place in the world because South Australians have contributed so much so willingly. What the member for Playford was saying about his electorate would be true of every single electorate.

We know that we have had the least number of legally enforceable restrictions in South Australia of just about any jurisdiction in the world, but we have also had the highest compliance with advice and suggestions and recommendations of just about any jurisdiction in the world, and those two things combined have, broadly speaking, left us in an extremely good place.

Could it be better? Yes, of course. Would we be better if we had not had a recent cluster outbreak? Yes, of course. But compared with the rest of the world we are actually doing pretty well. In fact, even looking at Victoria now, which thankfully is out of the grip of COVID it seems—and our

challenges are slightly greater than Victoria's right now—I think if you go all the way back to January and February and consider the whole year we have done a lot better than just about anybody else in the world.

We have to take what we can out of this. We have to take the learnings that come out of this and we have to apply them and make sure that South Australia, and Australia, is a better place for the challenges. I really genuinely thank all South Australians, particularly those in the electorate of Stuart I represent, for the great work they have done.

I do genuinely appreciate the leadership that all members of parliament have shown. Of course, I put the Premier and some very key public servants and the Minister for Health on a slightly higher pedestal because they have had greater responsibilities, but I believe all members of parliament in South Australia—Liberal, Labor, Independent, crossbenchers and the other chamber—have all led to the best of their ability with regard to the people they represent, and I thank them all very deeply for that.

I work with an outstanding group of government colleagues—absolutely genuinely outstanding. We are not shy about sharing views openly. If we agree with each other, we say so; if we disagree, we say so. We really have developed over the past 2½ nearly three years a very effective way of working with each other, which I think is the strength of our government. The Premier is an extraordinary leader. The Deputy Premier shares a role in that and supports the Premier extremely well, and I acknowledge the Treasurer and others. Our group is very strong, and I really do thank my colleagues for that.

I thank those opposite for their friendship. I think I have a good working relationship at the very least with just about everybody on the other side of the chamber, and certainly with some people on the other side of the chamber much more than a good working relationship, and I thank them for that.

Our whip talked about being new in the job. If you look at our Deputy Whip, our Speaker, our Deputy Speaker and our Leader of Government Business, only one person has actually been in the job for a length of time and that is the Deputy Speaker. We acknowledge that we are learning as we go. We are happy to learn as we go and I think we are learning pretty quickly. We would not be doing as well as we are, though, at whatever level that is, if it were not for the help of the Clerk and his staff. They have been outstanding to us in regard to sharing as much advice as they possibly can. I genuinely thank the Clerk and his key people for that.

This is a pretty extraordinary place to work. I have been here coming up to 11 years and I can tell you there is never, ever a day when I walk into Parliament House that I do not think, 'Goodness gracious, how fortunate am I to be part of this, to come here to work, to contribute to this.' It has never worn off. I do not believe it will ever wear off. I know that most members feel exactly the same way.

It is that way in part because of the grandeur of the building, because of the extraordinary furniture, because of all that we see around us, the history and the beauty, but it is even more so because of the people who work in this building and support us. I cannot thank the people who support us enough. I am not going to go through individual names. Whether it is Hansard or building services—if ever there is a time when a light bulb actually goes out and you ask for it to be fixed, it is done really quickly.

We are looked after extraordinarily well in this building with regard to advice from attendants, with regard to catering, building services, Hansard, the police security services that are provided, the library, whatever it happens to be. There is nowhere in this building where a member of parliament asks for some help or support or for something to be done that they are not treated incredibly well. I thank all the people who do that and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I do not think there would be too many workplaces in the world where people are treated as well as we are in this building, so thank you very much for that.

I do want to talk about my own staff. I put an enormous amount of effort into choosing who I work with and I put an enormous amount of effort into how some other people I work with choose who they work with. I am not saying for a second that I have actually interviewed or chosen every person. The people in my team, and my broader team, know the type of person I want to work with.

They know the type of person I want all of them to be working with. I have absolutely extraordinary people.

There is never, ever a day when I am here in Parliament House that I am not thinking about my electorate or about the people who work in our electorate offices in Port Augusta and Kapunda. I said I would not name names and I will not, but let me tell you from the bottom of my heart that the people in my electorate office are absolutely outstanding as people, as friends and as electorate officers—absolutely genuinely outstanding.

Our team here in the ministerial office—and I am not only talking about ministerial advisers or chiefs of staff or the other people who might technically be departmental staff or public servants in another way—is very good. We have a good working relationship and we have good friendships. The team that is closest around me, my Chief of Staff, my advisers and my EA, I would go into war for those people. They are very good people and they are very good at their work. That is the kind of people you want to be with.

I am driven to do the best I can in my work in many different ways, but one of them is to repay the effort, the skill and the contribution given to me by the people with whom I work. I want to repay them by making sure I do not ever waste it, making sure that I do them justice, whether it is electorate staff, whether it is ministerial staff, whether it is administrative staff in our office, or whether it is my colleagues here in government.

I will wind up and say: bring on 2021. The year 2021 will be a better year than 2020 without doubt. It will be much better. We all deserve time with family, time with friends, some downtime. We will all be doing a lot of work through the summer period as well, but we will get a bit more time away from work than we normally do throughout the rest of the year. Bring on 2021!

I wish all members and all staff in this place, in the electorate offices and in the other offices which support us, a healthy, safe, relaxing and fun Christmas and new year period. Come back refreshed and ready to go. Next year, the race to the election begins as well. We all deserve a bit of an opportunity to recharge our batteries because next year is going to be a biggie. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr BOYER (Wright) (17:21): Before I continue with these other remarks, I would like to thank all the people in this place who make everything move so seamlessly and do all the things parliamentarians take for granted on a daily basis. We do appreciate it, although I am sure we do not say so often enough.

It is very easy I think these days to get very down in the mouth about people who feel underwhelmed by politicians and people who feel disengaged by the political process. But every now and then a little bit of magic actually happens. In November last year, I had a class from Surrey Downs R-7 School come into parliament for a tour. Everything was proceeding as it normally does until we arrived in this chamber.

I asked a question that I always ask during tours, whether there are any other questions from students or any observations they would like to make about this chamber. There were all the usual questions: why are the old wooden clocks set for a date in the future? Is the grill in the middle of the floor where they used to put the heads after a dual took place? Then there was also a question on that day from a year 6 student by the name of Bella: why is no Aboriginal flag flying in this place? I was completely stumped by that question.

That one question started a process of writing to the then Speaker, the member for Hartley, pointing this out and asking what could be done about it. Following this, to the member for Hartley's credit, and the current Speaker's credit as well, he and the Clerk undertook to make this happen. Today is indeed a proud day for all of us here, I hope, to see the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags finally flying in this chamber.

I must say that it fills you with hope and optimism for the future when you come across a young person like Bella, who was all of about 12 years old when she came on that tour, who has the courage to speak out and ask what in her mind may have been a silly question and instead hold her elected representatives to account, and that is what she did on a really important issue. I was proud today not only because we finally have these flags flying here, where they should have been flying a

long time ago, but also because we could come through on the commitment that was made to Bella almost 12 months ago—that we would do something about the very important issue that she raised.

In finishing, regardless of that fantastic result, the highlight of today was without a doubt the very moving address given by Dr Thomas. I think it is fitting that this parliamentary year concludes with what I thought was an incredibly powerful reminder of why we are here and of all the work that remains undone.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (17:24): I would like to make a contribution to this adjournment debate. Before I get onto the one topic I really want to speak about, I want to say that in terms of the year 2020 and in the context of COVID-19, a whole range of people have suffered immensely in our community as a result of the pandemic. I do not wish to diminish people's different experiences, but one group I would like to acknowledge in particular is people who during this period of time have lost a loved one and, because of travel restrictions or other restrictions, have not been able to see that loved one in the last moments of their life.

Death comes with a whole range of grief, but not to be able to experience that grief in a way that you would like just adds to that. For all those people, the reality is that it is final. Like other members of parliament, I have received a number of emails from people seeking an exemption to attend a funeral or be at the bedside of a family member in hospital or a hospice, etc., but have been denied that opportunity. I understand why. That does not in any way diminish the additional pain and grief those people have experienced, and I would like to put on record that my heart goes out to those family members. I was fortunate not to be in that situation, but I am aware that hundreds of people were and that it was a very difficult time for them.

One thing that drives me in my work in this place, and my life's work, is to support and serve those people who are the least economically, politically and socially powerful in our society. That comes from family experience, from my parents, and from what I have learned through life in Australia. Today is International Day of People with Disability. I think it would be remiss of me if I did not make some comments to acknowledge the contribution that people with disability make in our community and what we try to do on a day like today to celebrate their achievements. It is also important to acknowledge the hardships and challenges that people with disability still experience.

The challenge for us as a society is the way in which we think about disability and ensuring that we see the ability in disability. We have come a long way over the last 10 years in terms of the way we treat and deal with and relate to people with disability; there is no question about that. The NDIS scheme was probably one of the major reforms to help people living with disability and their families, and I am proud to say that was a Labor Party reform at the national level. But we still have major gaps in the way we support and treat people with disability, and we can and need to do better.

Firstly, for example, we do not have a workforce that is capable of providing a lot of the services that are required. It is incumbent upon governments to make sure that we provide the right incentives in an environment where people are actually prepared to work and be trained in this area. When in the Barossa area, I have been told there are numerous jobs but there are not the skilled people there to do them. That is sad in itself. More important is that there is a range of people living with disability who do not get the support that they and their families require and need.

The second issue is people's experience with the review of plans. There is still a problem. Also, demarcation between school and non-school support is still creating some difficulties. One other issue I hear about in terms of the NDIS support is the issue of transport. We still need to do that better. We still do not have enough positions in our schools to cater for people living with disability in their local communities, and we need to do better there. When people leave their community for their education, they lack support and their families lack support. What we take for granted, in terms of local primary schools and secondary schools, a lot of these families do not have. That adds additional pressure on those families.

We still have a long way to go in training and employment. People living with disability still experience a whole range of discrimination and, in terms of participation in the workforce, we have one of the lowest levels of participation in the world in that regard. In terms of recreation and sport, and the arts, we still do not have enough resources to ensure that people with disability are able to experience the whole joy of sport, art and recreation in their lives because they do not have the facilities in their local community. It is important to have these resources at the local level because it helps to build a sense of community.

On this day, the International Day of People with Disability, I would like to acknowledge the inroads we have made and the improvements we have made. I would also like to acknowledge the difficulties that a number of people living with disability and their families experience. We should never take our mind from helping those people, who are the least economically, politically and socially powerful in our society.

Ms LUETHEN (King) (17:29): I am so humbled to have this opportunity to rise and speak on behalf of my electorate and the Marshall Liberal government as we mark the last sitting day of parliament in 2020. I would like to start off by thanking our wonderful Premier for his hard work, compassion and leadership in 2020, and I thank the Treasurer and his team for creating a state budget that gives our state a robust plan for recovery from the tough year we have had.

I do not think any of us will forget 2020. Only 12 months ago, hundreds of members of our community were out risking their life to fight fires in South Australia, and this continued over the next couple of months into the beginning of 2020 and the new year. These threatening fires have ignited once again over the last couple of weeks. To each of the MFS, CFS, SES and all our emergency services personnel and community who jump in and help, thank you.

Then in March came COVID-19, and it is our entire South Australian community that has helped us fight this health and economic crisis this year. We have minimised deaths in South Australia because of the strength of our community spirit, because our community has followed restrictions, because our community has helped each other out, because our community has supported local businesses and because the local businesses have adapted.

I could talk for hours on the acts of kindness I have witnessed this year. These kind acts have been a silver lining, the generosity and patience of people a silver lining, the opportunity for businesses to realise they can trust people to work from home another silver lining, and our ability to learn how to do things online has been a silver lining. I have had many community forums this year where I have invited the community to talk to the Premier, to the Treasurer, to ministers, all through online technology. We may not have learnt how to do this or thought about it if it were not for 2020. Neighbours helping neighbours, a wonderful silver lining.

I feel for the business owners who have gone under and for the people who work for those businesses who have lost their jobs or hours, who have had to line up at Centrelink; this is tragic. As a government, we are here for you, I am here for you and you must reach out if you need help. Together as a community we have held off the worst impacts of this nasty virus. I acknowledge that people are still being hurt by the restrictions, I acknowledge that local businesses are still working out at the last minute if they can open up or not, and I hope things get back to normal soon. The good news is that a fresh year is coming and is not far around the corner.

In this place today, we have just witnessed a historic moment. Dr Roger Thomas presented his report as the South Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, and I thank him for his decades of advocacy and his commitment to our Aboriginal community. It was wonderful that he was able to stand in this chamber under the new flags that are flying and deliver his report. His relentless leadership has resulted in a plan for Aboriginal South Australians to take their rightful place in South Australian decision-making. I would like to thank him and also recognise the footprint he has started today that we will work to deliver.

I would like to thank every community member in King this year—and there have been many—who have reached out to ask for help, who have come to my coffee catch-ups, who have taken the time to offer their views so that I can best represent them in this place and work out what to fight for to make our community the absolutely best place to live. I want to thank my colleagues for their hard work and support, as I have learnt from them how to represent my community in this place.

I thank my colleagues for their support to deliver the Marshall Liberal government's promised commitments to King—things like Golden Grove Road stage 1 and stage 2, Golden Grove park-and-ride, hospital upgrades at Lyell McEwin and Modbury Hospital, the additional parking at the Lyell McEwin, the short stay mental health unit, the upgrades to the SADNA courts, and the Golden Grove Tennis Club's new clubrooms that are going up. There are so many things happening in King and I

am very grateful to people telling me that they needed these so that I could advocate for them and for my colleagues for helping me deliver.

I want to thank my office team, Kirsty, Steven, Bradley and Courtney, who was there this year, for helping people living in King every day. I ask each of my team to wrap their arms around each community member and help them to the best of their ability and that is what we try to do every day. I thank the staff in this place for allowing our government to deliver on its plan for South Australia. I thank my friends and family for helping me to get messages out to people living in King and for their support and feedback and sharing their views with me.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family—my husband, Ian, my son, Max, and my daughter, Brooke—for the sacrifices that they have made every day to help me serve the community. It helps when Brooke drops Max off to school so that I can get into committee meetings. For the last couple of weeks, Ian and Max have spent their time on weekends and nights after school and work letterboxing to get our messages out in the community. Ian and Max, you give up so much so that I can serve the community. We are in this together and this is a good chance to say thank you.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (17:36): I rise to echo the words of many of my colleagues during this adjournment debate, especially the words of the member for Florey, to thank the parliament and everyone who works in parliament over what has been a very difficult year for all of us as we have dealt with this global pandemic.

But the things I have been most impressed with in 2020 are our communities, whether they be my local communities—and I know how important community is to my electorate—or all of our communities, as we have gone about dealing and living in a new reality and how we have worked well together, how we have ensured that a sense of community is ever present.

At the moment, my community groups like the Blackwood Action Group are out there putting up red bows, yesterday and today, throughout the community to make us look like Christmas. There is no Blackwood Christmas pageant this year. I am sure in your electorate, sir, there is no Stirling Christmas pageant. There are no big community carols at the end of December, nearly up to Christmas.

So as we navigate this very different Christmas and very different and difficult 2020, I would like to thank my community for their support of me and the work that we do, for my staff in my office who go about doing their job every single day in helping serve that community, and to all of us in this place who represent the good people of South Australia at this very difficult time.

At 17:39 the house adjourned until Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 11:00.

*Answers to Questions***TOURISM**

219 The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (25 September 2020). What programs are funded via the \$120 million of measures announced to support the tourism industry? What is regional South Australia's proportion of this funding?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

In August 2020, I noted that the government recognises the critical importance of the state's tourism sector to our economy, which is why we're investing what was then estimated to be more than \$122 million in stimulus to support the industry and the 40,000 South Australians it employs.

This includes large-scale infrastructure projects at iconic destinations, including the rebuild of tourism attractions on Kangaroo Island such as Flinders Chase National Park and Kelly Hill Caves visitor precincts, various regional projects under the Parks 2025 Strategy, various waivers and reductions in fees and charges, targeted tourism industry support programs, additional domestic marketing campaigns to boost visitation and activity and additional investment in tourism signage. Support has also been provided to the tourism industry through the provision of the government's \$10,000 Small business grants to eligible tourism industry businesses.

It is estimated that around \$85 million of this funding is directly benefiting regional South Australian tourism.

The 2020-21 budget included further measures including the Tourism Industry Development Fund grant program of \$20 million over two years, to stimulate private sector investment in new and improved regional accommodation, and the development of quality tourism products and experiences for the regions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

224 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Does the government's housing strategy outline targeted numbers of social, public and affordable housing to be built and, if so, what are those numbers?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Please refer to 'Our Housing Future 2020-2030' available publicly at <https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/our-housing-future>.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

225 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Is it a legal requirement of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement signed between the state and commonwealth that housing strategies are to specifically include the planned or expected levels of social housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Our Housing Future 2020-2030 fully complies with the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, as confirmed by the commonwealth government.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

226 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). With regard to the SA Housing Authority Neighbourhood Renewal Program, given there is a net reduction in social/public housing stock:

- (a) Is there any plan to replace this stock?
- (b) Where and when would this stock be replaced?
- (c) Will there be sufficient properties available to house those displaced by the program after the net reduction?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There will be no net reduction in social housing dwellings through the neighbourhood renewal program based on existing dwelling numbers. The program plans to deliver a net increase of 49 social housing dwellings.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

227 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). How many tenants will be displaced and/or relocated under the SAHA Neighbourhood Renewal Program and where will they be placed?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government):

The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There are currently 64 occupied dwellings (housing 151 tenants). SA Housing Authority will work with these tenants to appropriately relocate them into alternative housing which meets their needs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

228 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Will any tenants displaced and/or relocated under the SAHA Neighbourhood Renewal Program be given priority to relocate back to the redeveloped properties which they were required to vacate?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenant requests to relocate back into renewal areas will be facilitated where possible.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

229 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Under the SAHA Neighbourhood Renewal Program, what are the price points for both the affordable and market housing that will be available?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Affordable housing delivered through the neighbourhood renewal program (NRP) will reflect the maximum price points that are gazetted annually.

Market products delivered through the NRP will primarily be land allotments, rather than completed dwellings. Allotment prices will vary between projects and according to allotment size.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

230 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Under the SAHA neighbourhood renewal program, will the new social housing properties remain SAHA-managed properties or will they be transferred to the community sector as a stock transfer or any other arrangement?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The neighbourhood renewal program will deliver 142 social housing dwellings, including 82 public housing dwellings for retention by SA Housing Authority, and 60 dwellings that will be delivered by community housing providers.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

231 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Under the SAHA Neighbourhood Renewal Program, what method is the affordable housing made available?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Affordable housing will be constructed through the related SA Housing Authority Affordable Housing Initiative and made available for sale through the Affordable Homes Program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

232 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What modelling has been undertaken to determine how many people who are living within social housing would be able to afford an affordable or market house?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

An evaluation was undertaken by HomeStart in January 2020. This analysis included tenants' age, creditworthiness, and ability to save a deposit.

As SA Housing Authority and community housing providers do not collect this data from all tenants, for example, those households paying full market rent, it is not possible to accurately predict the number of social housing tenants that can afford an affordable or market value house.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

233 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Are there currently sufficient staff numbers within the SA Housing Authority to undertake the SAHA Neighbourhood Renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There are sufficient staff numbers in SA Housing Authority and Renewal SA to undertake the neighbourhood renewal program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

234 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Is there a risk to the state's housing market, due to the SA Housing Authority competing in the market by building market rate housing under the SAHA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The neighbourhood renewal program will deliver a relatively small number of allotments and dwellings for sale in infill locations, and as such, does not pose a risk to the state's housing market.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

235 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What are the proposed dwelling sizes of each property in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

It is anticipated that dwellings for social housing will range from two to five bedrooms. It is anticipated dwellings for affordable housing will be a combination of two and three-bedrooms. A range of sizes will be provided for market allotments to meet market demands.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

236 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). For each affordable, social and market house outcome, how many dwellings are one, two or three storeys in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Currently it is anticipated the ratio of 1, 2 and 3 storey dwellings per project will be as follows:

| | Single storey | Double storey | Three-storey |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Blair Athol | 60 per cent | 40 per cent | 0 per cent |
| Woodville Gardens | 34 per cent | 53 per cent | 13 per cent |
| Felixstow | 50 per cent | 50 per cent | 0 per cent |
| Seaton | 10 per cent | 60 per cent | 30 per cent |

This breakdown is subject to change.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

237 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). For each affordable, social and market house outcome, how many are disability accessible in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Exact numbers have not been identified at this time for each project; however, SA Housing Authority has a target of 75 per cent of new build social housing to meet SAHT Universal Housing Design Criteria. These criteria align to the silver level of the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines.

Disability accessibility in affordable and market housing will be determined by the market.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

238 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the design standard being applied to the homes in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The SA Housing Authority uses the South Australian Housing Trust's Universal Housing Design Criteria. This is publicly available at:

https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/116297/2.3-SAHT-Universal-Housing-Design-Criteria.pdf

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

239 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Are any of the homes built to Livable Housing Australia silver, gold or platinum level in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The SA Housing Authority has committed to 75 per cent of all new builds meeting the South Australian Housing Trust's Universal Housing Design Criteria. These criteria align to the silver level of the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

240 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the energy rating of the properties in the SA neighbourhood renewal program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

New housing delivered through the neighbourhood renewal program will achieve a minimum 6-star sustainability rating through passive design measures.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

241 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA neighbourhood renewal program Blair Athol project—why is there a reduction in the number of public housing dwellings when the total number of dwellings increases?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There is no net loss of social housing dwellings through the SA neighbourhood renewal program Blair Athol project. The Blair Athol SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program project will replace 38 dwellings that are in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose with 41 social housing dwellings that better meet the needs of current and future tenants. It will also introduce a more diverse tenure mix into inner city locations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

242 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA neighbourhood renewal program Blair Athol project will every dwelling have:

- (a) A street frontage?
- (b) Lock-up garage (as part of dwelling?)
- (c) Gas hot water/cooking?
- (d) Solar?
- (e) Connected to the virtual power plant?
- (f) Stepless entry/ingress/egress?
- (g) Outdoor area?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project will have:

- (a) Street frontage unless market driven community title sites are developed.
- (b) Carport with roller door as minimum.
- (c) Market driven gas provision.
- (d) Solar if orientation and roof size/design allow.
- (e) Virtual Power Plant will be utilised where possible, dependent on the suitability of orientation and roof design.
- (f) Stepless entry/ingress/egress for at least 75 per cent of the new public housing dwellings being built for retention.
- (g) Private open space.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

243 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project who will lose their public housing?

In reply to Ms Cook MP (13 October):

Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project who will lose their public housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

No tenants will lose their public housing status. Tenants are being relocated into alternative public housing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

244 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project what are the criteria for determining who will lose their public housing and who will remain?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question on Notice number 243.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

245 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, have tenants been notified of the project?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

All affected tenants have been notified. Most tenants have already been relocated or are in the process of doing so.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

246 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, is there a public consultation process?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenants are consulted individually to establish their housing needs and preferences.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

247 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, what is the proportion of building to open space in each block?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The proportion of private open space will be in line with the Design Guidelines for Sustainable Housing and Liveable Neighbourhoods.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

248 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, can you confirm the smallest blocks are only 84 square metres?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Currently, the smallest allotments in the current Blair Athol master plan are 120 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

249 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, what are the sizes of each of the different blocks?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Currently the allotments vary in size from 120 square metres to 476 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

250 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, will the dwellings be Torrens title?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The majority of the lots in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project will be Torrens title and subject to council acceptance of public roads. Market driven demand may call for a portion of these sites to be community title.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

251 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Blair Athol project, what modelling was done to identify specific gaps in the market that needed to be filled?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Modelling to map social and affordable housing typology gaps has been informed by:

- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute's Audit of South Australia's current housing assets and mapping of future demand (available at https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/97482/AHURI-Report.pdf)
- Internal analysis of surrounding vicinity to highlight gaps
- Consultation with SA Housing Authority regional offices
- Consultation with the housing and homelessness sector and industry supported by a Taskforce of key stakeholders.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

252 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, why is there a reduction in the number of public housing dwellings when the total number of dwellings increases?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There is no net loss of social housing dwellings through the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project. The Felixstow project includes the construction of 25 new social housing dwellings.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

253 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project will every dwelling have:

- (a) A street frontage?
- (b) Lock-up garage (as part of dwelling?)
- (c) Gas hot water/cooking?
- (d) Solar?
- (e) Connected to the virtual power plant?
- (f) Stepless entry/ingress/egress?
- (g) Outdoor area?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project will have:

- (a) Street frontage unless market driven community title sites are developed.
- (b) Carport with roller door as minimum.
- (c) Market driven gas provision.
- (d) Solar if orientation and roof size/design allow.
- (e) Virtual Power Plant will be utilised where possible, depending on suitability of orientation and roof design.
- (f) Stepless entry/ingress/egress for at least 75 per cent of the new public housing dwellings being built for retention.
- (g) Private open space.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

254 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, who will lose their public housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

No tenant will lose their public housing. All tenants have already been relocated to alternate public housing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

255 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, what are the criteria for determining who will lose their public housing and who will remain?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 254.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

256 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, have tenants been notified of the project?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

All tenants were notified prior to relocation.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

257 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, is there a public consultation process?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenants are consulted individually to establish their housing needs and preferences.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

258 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, what is the proportion of building to open space in each block?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The proportion of private open space will be in line with the Design Guidelines for Sustainable Housing and Liveable Neighbourhoods.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

259 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, can you confirm the smallest blocks are only 84 square metres?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The smallest allotment in the Felixstow project is 119 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

260 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, what are the sizes of each of the different blocks?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Allotments range from 119 square metres to 579 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

261 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, will the dwellings be Torrens title?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

All dwellings in the Felixstow SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program project will be Torrens title except for a social housing group site.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

262 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Felixstow project, what modelling was done to identify specific gaps in the market that needed to be filled?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 251.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

263 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, why is there a reduction in the number of public housing dwellings when the total number of dwellings increases?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The Seaton SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program will replace 34 dwellings that are in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose with 16 social housing dwellings that better meet the needs of current and future tenants. It will also introduce a more diverse tenure mix into inner city locations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

264 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, will every dwelling have:

- (a) A street frontage?
- (b) Lock-up garage (as part of dwelling?)
- (c) Gas hot water/cooking?
- (d) Solar?
- (e) Connected to the Virtual Power Plant?
- (f) Stepless entry/ ingress/egress?
- (g) Outdoor area?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project will have:

- (a) Street frontage unless market driven community title sites are developed.
- (b) Carport with roller door as minimum.
- (c) Market driven gas provision.
- (d) Solar if orientation and roof size/design allow.
- (e) Virtual Power Plant will be utilised where possible, depending on suitability of orientation and roof design.
- (f) Stepless entry/ingress/egress for at least 75 per cent of the new public housing dwellings being built for retention.
- (g) Private open space.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

265 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, who will lose their public housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

No tenants will lose their public housing status. Tenants will be relocated into alternative public housing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

266 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, what are the criteria for determining who will lose their public housing and who will remain?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 265.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

267 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, have tenants been notified of the project?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Broad community awareness has been undertaken. SA Housing Authority will contact individual tenants as during 2021, as planning for the site progresses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

268 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, is there a public consultation process?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenants will be consulted individually to establish their housing needs and preferences.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

269 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, what is the proportion of building to open space in each block?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Private open space for dwellings has not been determined at this stage of the project.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

270 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, can you confirm the smallest blocks are only 84 square metres?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority is targeting land allotment sizes from 80 square metres and above subject to approvals and changing market conditions over the five-year program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

271 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, what are the sizes of the each of the different blocks?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 270.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

272 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, will the dwellings be Torrens title?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

It is anticipated the majority of dwellings will be Torrens title, with some community title apartment development.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

273 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Seaton project, what modelling was done to identify specific gaps in the market that needed to be filled?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Modelling to map social and affordable housing typology gaps has been informed by:

- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute's Audit of South Australia's current housing assets and mapping of future demand (available at https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/97482/AHURI-Report.pdf.)
- Internal analysis of surrounding vicinity to highlight gaps

- Consultation with SA Housing Authority regional offices
- Consultation with the housing and homelessness sector and industry supported by a task force of key stakeholders.

The adjoining development of the previous Football Park land, now known as WEST, has provided evidence of market demand for apartments, town housing and smaller dwellings.

SA Housing Authority has been actively developing market allotments in the western suburbs in recent years as part of its Better Neighbourhood Program and has developed market knowledge through these activities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

274 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, why is there a reduction in the number of public housing dwellings when the total number of dwellings increases?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

There is no net loss of social housing in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project. The Woodville Gardens project will replace 21 dwellings that are in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose with 60 new social housing dwellings that better meet the needs of current and future tenants. It will also introduce a more diverse tenure mix into inner city locations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

275 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project will every dwelling have:

- A street frontage?
- Lock-up garage (as part of dwelling?)
- Gas hot water/cooking?
- Solar?
- Connected to the virtual power plant?
- Stepless entry/ingress/egress?
- Outdoor area?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project will have:

- Street frontage unless market driven community title sites are developed.
- Carport with roller door as minimum.
- Market driven gas provision.
- Solar if orientation and roof size/design allow.
- Virtual power plant will be utilised where possible, depending on suitability of orientation and roof design.
- Stepless entry/ingress/egress for at least 75 per cent of the new public housing dwellings being built for retention.
- Private open space.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

276 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, who will lose their public housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

No tenant will lose their public housing status. Tenants will be relocated into alternate public housing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

277 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, what are the criteria for determining who will lose their public housing and who will remain?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 276.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

278 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, have tenants been notified of the project?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

All affected tenants have been notified.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

279 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, is there a public consultation process?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenants are consulted individually to establish their housing needs and preferences.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

280 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, what is the proportion of building to open space in each block?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The proportion of private open space will be in line with the Design Guidelines for Sustainable Housing and Liveable Neighbourhoods.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

281 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, can you confirm the smallest blocks are only 84 square metres?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Currently, the smallest allotment planned is 124 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

282 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, what are the sizes of each of the different blocks?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The planned allotments range from 124 square metres to 619 square metres.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

283 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, will the dwellings be Torrens title?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The majority of dwellings in the Woodville Gardens SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program project will be Torrens title. Some social and affordable housing will be community title.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

284 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the loss of public housing dwellings in the SA Neighbourhood Renewal Program Woodville Gardens project, what modelling was done to identify specific gaps in the market that needed to be filled?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 251.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

285 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the average number of new dwelling constructions in South Australia every year by the South Australian Housing Authority?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The average number of new dwelling constructions in South Australia over the past five years is 284 per year. In 2020-21, 290 homes will be built by the SA Housing Authority.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

286 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the estimated number of total new dwelling constructions in South Australia over the five-year period of the SA Housing Authority Neighbourhood Renewal Program by the South Australian Housing Authority?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority is estimating to construct over 2,000 new dwellings over a five-year period in partnership with the Community Housing Sector, SA Builders and developers.

This number may change as result of the economic, environment and market conditions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

287 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the average number of new dwelling constructions in South Australia every year in total?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

According to Master Builders South Australia approximately 8,000 to 10,000 dwellings are commenced in South Australia each year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

288 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the estimated number of total new dwelling constructions in South Australia over the five year period of the SA Housing Authority Neighbourhood Renewal Program in total?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

According to Master Builders South Australia, it is forecast that approximately 53,000 new dwellings will be approved over the five-year period, dependent on market and economic conditions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

289 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the percentage of overall dwelling construction represented by the SA Housing Authority Neighbourhood Renewal Program?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answers to Question On Notice numbers 286 and 288.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

290 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the estimated construction cost of each home and in total for the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Construction costs will vary according to product and dwelling size.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

291 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What is the expected sale process for each home and in total across the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Properties constructed as affordable housing will be advertised and offered for sale to eligible home buyers through the Affordable Homes Program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

292 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). If the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative properties are not sold at affordable rates:

- (a) Will they be then sold at market rate; and/or
- (b) Will they be turned into social housing or will they sit vacant until someone buys them?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

If a property is not sold during the exclusive listing period, the property can be released and made available for sale on the open market.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

293 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Of the 1,000 new homes to be generated by the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how many will be extra homes and how many existing homes will be bulldozed?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority is currently sourcing government-owned land and private sector land to be included in the Affordable Housing Initiative.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

294 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). What amount/figure does the government consider represents a household on low/moderate incomes?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The standard criteria for affordable housing has been developed for use in South Australia, controlled in part legislatively through the establishment of affordable housing criteria under Section 4 of the South Australian Housing Trust Regulations 2010. This information is publicly available via the Affordable Homes Program website.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

295 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how many of the homes will be affordable to people on very low incomes?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Affordability of homes available through the Affordable Housing Initiative will depend on individual circumstances.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

296 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how many of the homes will be affordable to people on low incomes?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 295.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

297 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how many of the homes will be affordable to people on moderate incomes?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 295.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

298 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how many current housing authority tenants does the authority believe will be able to afford these 'affordable homes' particularly those who are on 'low incomes'?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

I refer the member to my answer to Question On Notice number 295.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

299 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, what is the Housing Authority doing with the disability sector to get people on stable income support, who may not be able to save a deposit, into these homes?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority, HomeStart Finance, and the Department of Treasury and Finance is continuously exploring options to improve the effectiveness of grants (including the First Home Owner Grant), subsidies and support to increase the opportunity for households, including for people with disability, to move into home ownership.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

300 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, will all affordable homes be built with air conditioning, solar panels and put onto the government's virtual power plant?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

All homes built through the Affordable Housing Initiative will achieve the following minimum ecologically sustainable development standards:

- Minimum 6-star sustainability rating through passive design measures including insulation above National Construction Code requirements
- Potential for solar PV and battery storage will be included in housing constructions where appropriate (subject to technical specifications, house orientation, price points)
- Rainwater tanks for onsite rainwater retention and use.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

301 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (13 October 2020). Regarding the South Australian Housing Authorities Affordable Housing Initiative, how much vacant land is the SA Housing Authority expected to have once these homes are built and sold?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Land for the Affordable Housing Initiative will be sourced from the private market, other government agencies and SA Housing Trust (SAHT) holdings.

The proportion of land used from each of these sources is yet to be finalised. It is noted that the land utilised for the Affordable Housing Initiative from the SAHT is being sourced from its holdings that were targeted for sale on the open market.

TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PACKAGES

307 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at 13 October 2020, how many targeted voluntary separation packages have been accepted across the public sector in the 2020-21 financial year so far?

(a) What is the total estimated cost of targeted voluntary separation packages accepted in the 2020-21 financial year so far?

(b) What is the department or agency, position title, and total employment cost of each position in which a TSVP offer was accepted?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Information on TVSPs is based on data collected from agencies by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Other than in circumstances approved by the government where specific reform activity is underway, agencies are responsible for managing costs associated with TVSPs. Detailed information on TVSPs funded by agencies is not collected by Treasury and Finance and as such that information requested, including position title and total employment cost, is not readily available.

In the 2020-21 financial year to 13 October 2020 for those TVSPs that are related to specific government reforms and eligible for central funding by DTF, 86 TVSPs have been accepted representing 70.6 FTEs for a total TVSP cost of \$7,012,831.86.

Details of the agency, number of positions and total TVSP cost are provided in table 1.

Table 1: 2020-21 TVSPs by Agency (as at 13 October 2020)

| General government sector | Headcount | Total by agency FTEs | \$ |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|
| Correctional Services | 3 | 3.0 | 190,674.58 |
| Courts | 1 | 0.8 | 77,769.20 |
| Health and Wellbeing | 72 | 57.5 | 5,906,860.87 |
| TAFE SA | 10 | 9.3 | 837,527.21 |

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

308 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at the close of business 13 October 2020, how many \$10,000 grants had been paid to small businesses as part of the state government's economic stimulus package?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

The first round of small business grants opened on 21 April 2020 and closed for applications on 1 June 2020. More than 18,700 eligible businesses received grants of up to \$10,000 totalling over \$186.4 million.

A second round of \$10,000 small business grants commenced on 9 November 2020, providing assistance to small businesses that employ staff who continue to be significantly impacted by COVID-19.

The second round also includes a \$3,000 grant for small businesses that do not employ staff, are operating from a commercial premise and are receiving JobKeeper.

It is estimated that over \$82 million in grants will be paid out as part of the second round of grants to around 10,000 small businesses.

As of 24 November 2020, over 4,100 applications had been received and over \$12 million in grants already paid at that date. The number of applications and payment increase each day.

As a result of the three-day circuit-breaker, the application closing date for the second round of grants has been extended by over 10 weeks from 14 December 2020 to 28 February 2021. This will allow businesses who become eligible for the second extended JobKeeper payment from 4 January 2021 to apply for the second round of small business grants where they meet the eligibility criteria.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

310 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at 13 October 2020, has all of the \$650 million announced as an additional economic stimulus been allocated to specific initiatives?

(a) Please provide a list of the initiatives, along with an estimated cost for each initiative, that have been approved as at 13 October 2020?

(b) Which initiatives were already budgeted for expenditure across the state budget's forward estimates period?

(c) As at 13 October 2020, how much of the \$650 million has been expended by the government, on which initiatives and what amount per initiative?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

The government announced a \$650 million Jobs Rescue Package on 26 March 2020 in response to COVID-19. As announced in the 2020-21 State Budget, the government is now injecting a record \$4 billion into South Australia's economy to create thousands of local jobs over the next few years, driving South Australia's ongoing recovery from the economic challenge of COVID-19.

The government's stimulus spend leverages another \$1 billion in commonwealth and local government and business funding, taking the total stimulus in the state to \$5 billion.

The details of all these measures were included in the 2020-21 budget documents.

Examples of the support available include:

- Round 2 of the emergency cash grants for eligible small businesses and not-for-profit organisations—\$10,000 for those businesses who employ staff and \$3,000 for small businesses without employees;
- land tax relief to support tenants and landlords;
- payroll tax relief for business, including payroll tax waivers for eligible businesses and a payroll tax exemption on JobKeeper payments;
- great state travel voucher scheme which provided \$100 vouchers for accommodation in Adelaide to further boost the local economy;

- support for the taxi industry and regional bus operators;
- creation of a small to medium business advisory service to support businesses to access personalised business advice, assisting them in developing sustainable and robust expansion strategies and plans;
- investment in nature based tourism and support for the tourism industry through the Tourism Industry Development Fund;
- priority road infrastructure and safety projects;
- acceleration of upgrading of country health facilities;
- waived various fees and charges including liquor licencing; and
- measures to protect tenants, including moratorium from eviction in relation to the non-payment of rent where they are suffering rental distress as a result of the pandemic.

I note that I have previously outlined the measures included in the original \$650 million stimulus package in a response to Question on Notice 79 from 3 June 2020. As at 13 October 2020, and having regard to the decisions taken in the 2020-21 Budget, the full amount of the package had been allocated.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

311 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at 13 October 2020, has all of the \$350 million announced as an economic stimulus on 11 March 2020 been allocated to specific initiatives?

(a) Please provide a list of the initiatives, along with an estimated cost for each initiative, that have been approved as at 13 October 2020?

(b) Which initiatives that have so far been approved were already budgeted for expenditure across the state budget's forward estimates period?

(c) As at 24 September 2020, how much of the \$350 million has been expended by the government, on which initiatives and what amount per initiative?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

The government announced the first economic stimulus package of \$350 million on 11 March 2020 in response to COVID-19.

The package included funding for range of areas including:

- Bushfire response and recovery measure;
- Roads infrastructure;
- an additional \$70 million to the Economic and Business Growth Fund; and
- Investment in nature based tourism, local government projects through the Planning and Development Fund, country health facilities, social housing and grassroots sports facilities.

I can confirm that, having regard to the decisions taken in the 2020-21 budget, the full \$350 million had been allocated to specific initiatives at 13 October 2020.

As announced in the 2020-21 state budget, the government is now injecting a record \$4 billion into South Australia's economy to create thousands of local jobs over the next few years, driving South Australia's ongoing recovery from the economic challenge of COVID-19.

The government's stimulus spend leverages another \$1 billion in commonwealth and local government and business funding, taking the total stimulus in the state to \$5 billion.

The details of all these measures were included in the 2020-21 budget documents.

Examples of the support available include:

- Round 2 of the emergency cash grants for eligible small businesses and not-for-profit organisations—\$10,000 for those businesses who employ staff and \$3,000 for small businesses without employees;
- land tax relief to support tenants and landlords;
- payroll tax relief for business, including payroll tax waivers for eligible businesses and a payroll tax exemption on JobKeeper payments;
- Great State travel voucher scheme which provided \$100 vouchers for accommodation in Adelaide to further boost the local economy;
- support for the taxi industry and regional bus operators;
- creation of a small to medium business advisory service to support businesses to access personalised business advice, assisting them in developing sustainable and robust expansion strategies and plans;

- investment in nature based tourism and support for the tourism industry through the Tourism Industry Development Fund;
- priority road infrastructure and safety projects;
- acceleration of upgrading of country health facilities;
- waived various fees and charges including liquor licencing; and
- measures to protect tenants, including moratorium from eviction in relation to the non-payment of rent where they are suffering rental distress as a result of the pandemic.

I note that I have previously outlined the measures included in the original \$350 million stimulus package in a response to Question on Notice 78 from 3 June 2020. The measures set out in that advice are being implemented by the government.

BUSINESS AND JOBS SUPPORT FUND

314 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at 13 October 2020, how many grants had been paid from the Business and Jobs Support Fund?

- (a) To whom were the grants paid?
- (b) How much was each grant?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

In March 2020 in response to the impacts of COVID-19, the government announced the establishment of a \$300 million Business and Jobs Support Fund. As announced in the 2020-21 Budget the government has subsequently added a further \$230 million to the fund, bringing the total value of the Business and Jobs Support Fund to \$530 million.

The Budget Measures Statement (pages 7 and 8) released as part of the 2020-21 budget outlined all of the approvals and expected timing of total payments from the Business and Jobs Support Fund.

COMMUNITY AND JOBS SUPPORT FUND

315 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14 October 2020). As at 13 October 2020, how many grants had been paid from the Community and Jobs Support Fund?

- (a) To whom were the grants paid?
- (b) How much was each grant?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

In March 2020 in response to the impacts of COVID-19, the government announced the establishment of a \$250 million Community and Jobs Support Fund. The government has subsequently added a further \$15 million to the Fund, bringing the total value of the Community and Jobs Support Fund to \$265 million.

The Budget Measures Statement (pages 8 and 9) released as part of the 2020-21 Budget outlined all of the approvals and expected timing of total payments from the Community and Jobs Support Fund.

FACILITIES SERVICES

324 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What measures are in place to ensure that no regional tradesperson will lose work as a result of the privatisation of DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

Currently approximately 98 per cent of works under the Across Government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) are delivered by private sector contractors spread across the state. That will increase to 100 per cent under the new system, including the same small and medium enterprises that deliver trade services across the state today. Under the future model the administration and works coordination role will be entirely met by specialised external facilities management service providers who bring the benefits of modern, industry best systems and practices.

The future AGFMA contracts will include provisions that will place commitments and obligations on the new providers to ensure that local work is undertaken by local trades including opportunities for those same trades that perform works today. This will ensure that regional economies continue to be supported and that regional tradespeople are provided with those same opportunities that they are given today.

All future AGFMA proponents that progress through the expression of interest process will be required to submit a response to the Office of the Industry Advocate's Tailored Industry Participation Plan (TIPP) as part of their tender response. This response must detail how they will ensure that regional economies are supported. This TIPP will be evaluated as part of the procurement process and will have oversight from The Office of the Industry Advocate throughout the life of the contract.

FACILITIES SERVICES

325 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Will a private management provider continue to provide work to regional small businesses and tradies, rather than shipping in Adelaide-based contractors?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The future Across Government Facilities Management Arrangements contracts will include provisions that will place commitments and obligations on the new providers to ensure that local work is undertaken by local trades with a focus on regional employment, including opportunities for those same trades that perform works currently.

FACILITIES SERVICES

326 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What measures are in place to ensure that small businesses and tradies won't be worse off as a result of the privatisation of DIT facilities management services, due to a private provider lowering the rates of pay for contracts offered to those businesses?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The contracts for the future Across Government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) will ensure that tradespeople continue to be paid a fair price for the works they perform. The contracts will include specific contractual measures that will ensure that tradespeople are appropriately and fairly remunerated for the works they perform.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport will manage the contracts to ensure compliance with these measures throughout the life of the contracts.

Furthermore, the Office of the Industry Advocate will remain involved throughout the life of the contract.

FACILITIES SERVICES

327 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What measures are in place to ensure that a private provider of facilities management services will not introduce burdensome compliance processes, additional administration costs and delayed payments to existing contractors?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

As part of the procurement process for the future Across government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA), potential providers' approaches to managing compliance will be assessed. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) will aim to ensure that processes are as efficient as possible while ensuring that safe works are able to be undertaken on government assets.

DIT has undertaken a series of consultation workshops with tradespeople that work within the AGFMA to understand their requirements and will apply these learnings to the future AGFMA.

Payment terms will be defined in the future AGFMA contract to ensure contractors are paid promptly for the service they have performed. These terms will be in line with government policy for payment (no more than 30 days) and will be closely monitored by DIT.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

328 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What measures are in place to ensure that secondary businesses that rely on DIT contractors (such as a hardware store that a DIT contractor sources materials and tools from) won't be worse off as a result of the privatisation of DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

All future AGFMA proponents that progress through an expression of interest process will be required to submit a response to the Office of the Industry Advocate's Tailored Industry Participation Plan (TIIPP) as part of their tender response. This response must detail how they will ensure that local labour and suppliers are engaged. This TIIPP will be evaluated as part of the procurement process and will have oversight from The Office of the Industry Advocate throughout the life of the contract.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

329 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). How much money per annum does the Department for Infrastructure and Transport expect to save as a result of the privatisation of DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The outsourcing of Department for Infrastructure and Transport Facilities Management Services is not considered a savings measure.

The future Across Government Facilities Management Arrangements aims to ensure that agencies are able to more effectively spend their asset and facility related funds by implementing improved asset management strategies.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

330 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). How many government employees will lose their jobs or be made redundant as a result of the privatisation of DIT facilities management services? Will these employees be offered work elsewhere within government? Are there any specific measures being taken for employees based in regional areas?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

Employees are covered by the SA Modern Public Sector Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2017 and the SA Public Sector Wages Parity (Plumbing, Metal and Building Trades Employees) Enterprise Agreement 2019. These ongoing employees will have the opportunity to utilise the Redeployment, Retraining and Redundancy provisions within their enterprise agreements. Employees may redeploy into another role in government or take a voluntary separation package.

Employees based in regional areas will be given opportunities within government roles in regional areas.

Regional and metropolitan staff will also have the opportunities to apply to the future service providers where roles are required, including those in the regions.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

331 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Will the privatisation of DIT facilities management services lead to a drop in quality of the maintenance of government radio network radio towers? What measures are in place to ensure that standards are maintained?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

Department for Infrastructure and Transport Facilities Management Services is not responsible for maintaining the radio network towers. These are managed through a separate maintenance arrangement and do not form part of the Across government Facilities Management Arrangements.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

332 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Will the minister release all reviews into AGFMA privatisation, including the Deloitte business case, the Deloitte AGFMA delivery study, the Safety Works WHS review report, and the LEK review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The information contained in these documents underpins the review, assessment and formulation of plans for the future Across government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) as approved by cabinet.

Due to the nature of this information which has continuing relevance to matters still under consideration and includes third party methodologies that are not otherwise publically available, it is not appropriate that release of such information occurs during a competitive market based procurement process and in the absence of final decisions having been made.

However, the following relevant reviews are publicly available:

- Auditor-General's Report 6 of 2019—Annual Report 2019—Part C;
- Auditor-General's Review of Country Health Local Networks Property Maintenance Report 10 of 2019;
- SafeWork SA Enforceable Undertaking; and
- Ombudsmans Report—Investigation arising from a death at the Echunga Police Training Reserve.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

333 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Has the Department for Infrastructure and Transport engaged a PR firm in relation to AGFMA outsourcing? If so, what is the name of the firm? What services are they providing? What is the estimated cost of these services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport has engaged a specialist in stakeholder engagement to plan and independently facilitate a series of contractor workshops to inform the Future Across government Facilities

Management Arrangement model. The use of an independent facilitator is considered best practice and is an important component of ensuring that trades people and business owners are provided with accurate and timely information regarding this policy.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

334 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Why have Spotless been carrying out audits in regional schools and towns, despite the fact the tender for the privatisation of DIT facilities management services is ongoing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

It is a requirement that the Across government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) Facilities Management Service Providers, being Spotless and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Facilities Services regularly inspect sites maintained under AGFMA to ensure that sites remain fit for purpose to deliver services to the community.

Spotless has been engaged by DIT Facilities Services to assist with their data inspection capacity until mid-2021.

This engagement is unrelated to the future AGFMA process as it relates to business as usual AGFMA activities.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

335 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Why is the state government proceeding with the privatisation of DIT facilities management services when state budget papers (state budget 2019-20, Agency Statements, Volume 3, page 157) indicate there is a 92 per cent client satisfaction rating for DIT Facilities Services, above the target of 91 per cent?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The percentages quoted on the customer satisfaction survey(s) refers to questions based on the quality of the services performed by both contractors (i.e. compliance to call out requirements) as well as Department Facilities Services staff, and are available in the Department for Infrastructure and Transport Annual Report.

It is noted that the AGFMA reform is not taking place due to quality of service metrics but rather to create a best of breed asset management system that better achieves safety, reporting and asset maintenance outcomes.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

336 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Why is the state government proceeding with the privatisation of DIT facilities management services when state budget papers (state budget 2019-20, Agency Statements, Volume 3, page 157) indicate the average facilities services management cost as a percentage of value of services is just 9.6 per cent, below the target of 10.8 per cent?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

The future Across government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) aims to improve asset management strategies and ensure monies are spent as best as possible to improve the government's asset estate.

The outsourcing of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport Facilities Management Services is not considered a savings measure but rather will create a best of breed asset management system that better achieves safety, reporting and maintenance outcomes.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

337 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What consultation did the state government undertake with clients prior to cabinet's decision in June 2020 to privatise DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

Prior to cabinet's decision in June 2020 a number of clients had and continue to have an opportunity to provide feedback on future Across government Facilities Management Arrangements (AGFMA) initiatives. This input has included a multi-agency Steering Committee overseeing the wider program involving executives from:

- Department for Infrastructure and Transport;
- Department of Health and Wellbeing;
- Department for Education;
- South Australia Police;

- Department of Environment and Water;
- Department for Correctional Services; and
- Primary Industry and Resources South Australia.

Collectively these agencies represent over 80 per cent of the total annual spend within the AGFMA.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

338 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). What consultation did the state government undertake with contractors prior to Cabinet's decision in June 2020 to privatise DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

There will be minimal change for contractors. In line with cabinet's decision, maintenance work for facilities management and associated project work will continue to be undertaken, as it is today, by appropriately qualified sub-contractors with a strong focus on local workforce and opportunities for small to medium enterprises.

Contractors were given the opportunity to contribute to the future Across government Facilities Management Arrangement (AGFMA) model via a series of consultative workshops as listed below:

| Date | Location |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 30 September 2020 | Murray Bridge |
| 6 October 2020 | Mount Gambier (two sessions) |
| 7 October 2020 | Berri |
| 13 October 2020 | Port Lincoln |
| 14 October 2020 | Gawler |
| 19 October 2020 | Port Augusta |
| 20 October 2020 | Port Pirie |
| 21 October 2020 | Walleroo |
| 26 October 2020 | Mawson Lakes (two sessions) |
| 29 October 2020 | Marion (two sessions) |
| 2 November 2020 | Clare |

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

339 The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15 October 2020). Will the quality of services provided to schools, hospitals, police stations and other government assets drop due to the privatisation of DIT facilities management services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

No, the performance of the works will still be performed by appropriately qualified subcontractors as they are performed currently.

Estimates Replies

AVIATION SERVICES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

No.

GEL BLASTERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

28 February 2020.

GEL BLASTERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

Safety concerns.

GEL BLASTERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

The COVID-19 pandemic did not demonstrably affect the processing of B709A forms.

GEL BLASTERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

A declaration was made by the Registrar of Firearms, as opposed to a regulation. Accordingly, there was no requirement for approval to be sought from the minister.

YATALA LABOUR PRISON

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

3:30pm.

REPAY SA

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

\$2.141 million.

MOBILONG PRISON

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

As at 26 November 2020, there were 443 prisoners accommodated at Mobilong Prison.

METROPOLITAN FIRE SERVICE

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

Seventeen appliances are older than 20 years, two appliances are older than 30 years and 57 per cent are in regional areas.

METROPOLITAN FIRE SERVICE

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

The draft MFS Expenditure Review is still being considered in full.

AG SECURITY GROUP

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

AG Security are deployed to sites within designed patrol areas such as schools, railway stations, bus interchanges, child and healthcare centres, service centres and offices of government.

AG SECURITY GROUP

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

Yes, South Australia Police are provided details of all security guards.

AG SECURITY GROUP

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

As at the end of November 2020, actual expenditure was \$208,656 (GST exclusive).

POLICE, HOTEL QUARANTINE

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

Nil.

MEDI-HOTELS

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

Four senior South Australia Police (SAPOL) members attended a workshop conducted by the National Review Team on 24 August 2020.

SAPOL members escorted the review team to the Adelaide Airport and the Pullman Hotel to observe end to end delivery of South Australia's hotel quarantine process for international arrivals.

AG SECURITY GROUP

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

South Australia Police determined AG Security was the most suitable company in accordance with state Government procurement and contract management procedures.

POLICE, QUARANTINED SWORN OFFICERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised:

| Month | Sworn Police in quarantine | Non-sworn employees in quarantine |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| February | 0 | 0 |
| March | 119 | 6 |
| April | 6 | 0 |
| May | 6 | 2 |
| June | 8 | 1 |
| July | 8 | 3 |
| August | 6 | 0 |
| September | 0 | 0 |
| October | 1 | 0 |
| November | 181 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 335 | 21 |

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
South Australia Police has advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 152,103 | 156,072 | 152,744 | 154,300 | 159,481 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$m | Description |
|---|-----------|--|
| Department for Infrastructure and Transport | 36.50 | Occupancy rent, Government Employee Housing, building repairs and maintenance and electricity. |
| Attorney Generals Department | 11.80 | JTS charges and GRN (Government Radio Network) Service rental |
| Leaseplan Australia Ltd | 5.70 | Vehicle fuel costs |
| Prixcar Services Pty Ltd | 5.00 | Vehicle fit and strip costs |
| Zippy Cleaning & Maintenance | 3.50 | Cleaning |
| Ap Fleet Management Pty Ltd | 3.30 | Vehicle service and repair, tyres |
| Simec Zen Energy Retail | 2.90 | Electricity costs |
| Telstra Corporation Ltd | 2.70 | Phone related costs |
| Nec Australia P/L | 2.60 | Network related costs, citrix licensing, hardware maintenance |
| Dial A Tow Australia Pty Ltd | 2.60 | Vehicle tow costs including hoon related tow costs |

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) has advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 131,710 | 129,028 | 128,002 | 128,080 | 128,719 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value (ex GST) | Description |
|---|----------------|---|
| G4S Custodial Services Pty Ltd | \$41,578,072 | Management and operation of Mount Gambier Prison, prisoner movement and in-court management and Electronic Monitoring System |
| SERCO Australia Pty Ltd | \$17,655,159 | Management and operation of Adelaide Remand Centre |
| SIMEC Zen Energy Retail (SA Supplier) | \$3,194,890 | Electricity costs |
| Anglicare SA Inc (SA Supplier) | \$2,078,482 | Provision of Bail Accommodation Support Program |
| Leaseplan Australia Ltd | \$1,882,960 | Lease charges and associated fleet vehicle costs |
| Offenders Aid & Rehab Services of SA (SA Supplier) | \$1,770,574 | Provision of Home Detention Integrated Support Services Program (HISSP), Cadell Bus, Alcohol & Other Drugs and Circle of Support and Accountability Community Grant |
| Optus Communications | \$1,650,557 | Prisoner Telephone system charges |
| HOLCO (SA Supplier) | \$1,649,129 | Meat products |
| C-Store Distribution | \$1,480,456 | Goods sold in prison canteen at various sites. |
| Bidfood Adelaide Ltd | \$1,512,504 | Food costs for prisoners across all sites |

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 8,013 | 5,781 | 5,235 | 5,270 | 5,340 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$000 | Description |
|---|-------------|---|
| Department of Justice & Community Safety (VIC) | 1 714 | Emergency Alert (per national agreement) |
| Department of Treasury and Finance | 955 | Shared Services SA, Fringe Benefits Tax, Government contractor, application maintenance and support |
| Local Government Association of SA | 724 | Recurrent grants |
| ARQ Group | 606 | Application maintenance and support |
| Crown Solicitor's Office | 600 | Legal fees |
| Oakton Services | 484 | Contractor fees, application maintenance and support |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$000 | Description |
|---|-------------|--|
| Australian Red Cross | 469 | Recurrent grants |
| Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC | 409 | Recurrent grants, Contractor fees |
| SRA Information Technology | 380 | Application maintenance & support |
| Department of Infrastructure and Transport | 369 | Land & buildings, state strategic projects IGT, managed applications SA Government, Government Contractors |

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 15,911 | 15,025 | 13,224 | 13,550 | 13,747 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$000 | Description |
|---|-------------|---|
| Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) | 4,222 | DIT property management fee, cleaning & hygiene services, property servicing, property repairs & maintenance, DIT preventative maintenance, DIT repairs & maintenance, facility/room hire, contractor fees. |
| Babcock | 3,011 | Vehicle repairs & maintenance, vehicle equipment & consumables, contractor fees, vehicle acquisition |
| Attorney General's Department | 2,882 | Government Radio Network, application maintenance & support, staff welfare—services |
| Fraser Fire and Rescue | 1,409 | Vehicles |
| Fire Rescue Safety Australia | 878 | Breathing apparatus equipment, operations minor equipment, operations repairs & maintenance, vehicles, plant & equipment |
| Simec Zen Energy | 702 | Electricity and property repairs & maintenance |
| Department of Premier & Cabinet | 506 | Data network statenet, infrastructure system statenet, Internet services statenet, IT hardware & consumables |
| LHD Group Australia | 448 | Operations minor equipment, PPC structural clothing, PPE, PPE Maintenance, uniforms, Uniform maintenance |
| Remediation and Contracting Services | 438 | Consultancy fees and contractor fees |
| Telstra | 413 | Fixed phone telephones, Internet ISP costs, Line rentals (alarm systems), mass call capacity and mobile/satellite telephones |

The South Australia State Emergency Service have advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 9,283 | 9,347 | 9,509 | 9,676 | 9,837 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019-20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$000 | Description |
|---|-------------|--|
| Attorney-General's Department | 3,050 | Government Radio Network |
| Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) | 1,225 | DIT property management fee, property repairs and maintenance, electricity, repairs and maintenance, rental charges by DIT |
| Telstra | 376 | Mobile phones, fixed phones, internet/ISP costs, publications |
| Hays | 355 | Contractor fees, agency staff salaries |
| Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co. | 248 | PPE, uniforms, postage/courier/freight |
| Fire Rescue Safety Australia | 127 | BA equipment, operations minor equipment, operations repairs and maintenance |
| Code Dynamics | 119 | Software/licence end user computing |
| QBT | 114 | Travel costs |
| Juvarre Asia Pacific | 104 | IT hardware and consumables, software/licence end user computing |
| BP Australia | 91 | Fuel and oil |

The South Australian Country Fire Service has advised the following:

| | \$'000s | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| Goods and Services | 57,757 | 53,922 | 50,714 | 51,790 | 52,903 |

| Top 10 providers of goods and services 2019 20 (including SA suppliers) | Value \$000 | Description |
|---|-------------|--|
| Attorney-General's Department | 17,088 | Government Radio Network, software/licence end user computing, aircraft operating, managed applications, communications equipment, Crown Solicitor legal fees |
| Aerotech First Response | 10,104 | Aircraft standby and operating costs |
| Fraser Fire and Rescue | 5,629 | Vehicles |
| North East Isuzu | 3,969 | Vehicles, vehicle repairs & maintenance, vehicle servicing, insurance excess, scheduled refurbishment, tyres |
| Kestrel Aviation | 3,043 | Aircraft standby and operating costs |
| Aerotech Helicopters | 2,404 | Aircraft standby and operating costs |
| Moore Engineering | 2,240 | Vehicle repairs & maintenance, vehicles—work in progress, vehicle equipment & consumables |
| Aero Air | 2,008 | Aircraft standby and operating costs |
| Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) | 1,686 | Land & building—work in progress, property repairs & maintenance, property servicing, operations minor equipment |
| Fire Rescue Safety Australia | 1,524 | Plant & equipment, operations minor equipment, vehicles, personal protective equipment, breathing apparatus equipment, vehicle equipment & consumables, operations repairs & maintenance, operations consumables, land & building, volunteer training course cost, vehicles repairs & maintenance, personal protective structural clothing, postal/courier/freight |

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

South Australia Police has advised the following:

Two positions were abolished: (Non-sworn)

| Position Title | Total Employment Cost |
|--|-----------------------|
| Manager Project Delivery, IS&T Project Delivery Management | \$158,463 |
| Manager Systems Support & Monitor, IS&T System Support & Monitor | \$130,257 |

11 positions were created: (Non-sworn)

| Position Title | Total Employment Cost |
|---|-----------------------|
| Senior Contract Adviser, Procure & Contract Management | \$116,103 |
| Systems Manager, Expiation Notice Branch | \$130,257 |
| Unit Manager, Expiation Notice Branch | \$116,103 |
| Administration Manager, STAR Group Admin | \$106,348 |
| Head of Operational Services, IS&T Executive | \$188,766 |
| Head of Program Delivery, IS&T Executive | \$210,000 |
| Manager Districts & Regional Facilities, Facility Management Unit | \$116,103 |
| Strategic Infrastructure Consultant, Facility Management Unit | \$130,257 |
| Case Manager, Injury Management Section | \$106,348 |
| Case Manager, Injury Management Section | \$106,348 |
| Case Manager, Injury Management Section | \$106,348 |

The Department for Correctional Services has advised the following:

Five positions were abolished:

| Position Title | Total Employment Cost |
|---|-----------------------|
| Manager Offender Development, Adelaide Remand Centre | \$105,000 |
| Manager Accommodation, Adelaide Remand Centre | \$100,000 |
| Manager Security, Adelaide Remand Centre | \$100,000 |
| Principal Investigation Officer, DCS Head Office | \$110,000 |
| Director, Governance & Executive Support, DCS Head Office | \$120,000 |

One position was created:

| Position Title | Total Employment Cost |
|--|-----------------------|
| Executive Director, iSAFE & E2e Case Management, DCS Head Office | \$205,594. |

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised one position was created:

| Position Title | Total Employment Cost |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Manager Strategic Projects Office | \$152,000 |

The South Australia Metropolitan Fire Service, South Australia State Emergency Service and South Australia Country Fire Service has advised that nil positions were abolished or created.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has advised the following:

- 29.1 full-time equivalent (FTE) at an expense of \$3.2 million.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 30 | \$3.9m |
| 2021-22 | 30 | \$3.8m |
| 2022-23 | 30 | \$3.8m |
| 2023-24 | 30 | \$3.9m |

- 2019-20—\$4.032 million (GST exclusive). 2020-21—\$6.643m.

The Department for Correctional Services has advised the following:

- 2.6 FTE at an expense of \$287,224.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 2.6 | \$301,702 |
| 2021-22 | 1.6 | \$210,845 |
| 2022-23 | 1.6 | \$214,008 |
| 2023-24 | 1.6 | \$217,218 |

- Nil.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised the following:

- One FTE with an employment expense of \$98,000.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 1 | \$101,000 |
| 2021-22 | 1 | \$103,000 |
| 2022-23 | 1 | \$104,000 |
| 2023-24 | 1 | \$106,000 |

- 2019-20—\$102,000. 2020-21—\$22,000.

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has advised the following:

- 0.7 FTE with an employee expense of \$85 000 including on costs.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 0.7 | \$85,000 |
| 2021-22 | 0.7 | \$85,000 |
| 2022-23 | 0.7 | \$85,000 |
| 2023-24 | 0.7 | \$85,000 |

- 2019-20—\$131 816. 2020-21—\$114 000.

The South Australian State Emergency Service has advised the following:

- 1.5 FTE with an employment expense of \$138,000.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 2 | \$213,000 |
| 2021-22 | 2 | \$216,000 |
| 2022-23 | 2 | \$219,000 |
| 2023-24 | 2 | \$223,000 |

- 2019-20—\$86,000. 2020-21—\$105,000.

The South Australian Country Fire Service has advised the following:

- 5 FTEs with an employment expense of \$495,000.

| Financial Year | FTE | Estimated expense |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2020-21 | 4 | \$331,000 |
| 2021-22 | 4 | \$336,000 |
| 2022-23 | 4 | \$341,000 |
| 2023-24 | 4 | 346,000 |

- 2019-20—\$850,000. 2020-21—\$845,000.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

South Australia Police has advised the following:

| Job Title | Classification | Allowance Type | Base Salary | Allowance | Total Salary |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Manager Architecture Business Consulting Services | MAS301 | A | \$120,467 | \$24,093 | \$144,560 |
| Manager Media Road Safety | ASO803 | A | \$118,413 | \$7,774 | \$126,187 |
| E-Services Manager | ASO701 | A | \$101,859 | \$9,634 | \$111,493 |
| Manager IS&T Security | MAS301 | A | \$120,467 | \$18,070 | \$138,537 |
| Project Manager | ASO803 | A | \$118,413 | \$23,683 | \$142,096 |
| Project Manager | ASO803 | A | \$118,413 | \$11,841 | \$130,254 |
| Project Manager | ASO803 | A | \$118,413 | \$17,762 | \$136,175 |
| Senior Systems Engineer | ASO704 | A | \$110,107 | \$11,011 | \$121,118 |
| Manager Contracts & Performance Management | MAS300 | R | \$118,667 | \$11,867 | \$130,534 |
| Integration Technical Lead | ASO704 | R | \$110,107 | \$14,864 | \$124,971 |
| Analyst Programmer | ASO603 | R | \$98,143 | \$5,889 | \$104,032 |
| System Analysts | ASO704 | R | \$110,107 | \$9,414 | \$119,521 |
| Manager Performance & Governance | ASO803 | R | \$118,413 | \$23,683 | \$142,096 |
| Senior Analyst Programmer | ASO704 | R | \$110,107 | \$22,021 | \$132,128 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$75,262 | \$28,976 | \$104,238 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$60,210 | \$23,181 | \$83,391 |
| Team Leader | ASO702 | R | \$104,671 | \$8,374 | \$113,045 |
| Manager It | ASO603 | R | \$98,143 | \$12,759 | \$110,902 |
| Program Manager—Shield | ASO803 | R | \$118,413 | \$31,379 | \$149,792 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$60,210 | \$23,181 | \$83,391 |
| Manager Injury Management | ASO704 | R | \$110,107 | \$19,819 | \$129,926 |
| Applications Administrator | ASO603 | R | \$98,143 | \$4,907 | \$103,050 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO112 | A/R | \$59,984 | \$8,998 | \$68,982 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$75,262 | \$28,976 | \$104,238 |
| Chief Psychologist | AHP404 | R | \$117,254 | \$29,314 | \$146,568 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$30,105 | \$11,590 | \$41,695 |
| Senior HR Consultant | ASO603 | R | \$98,143 | \$14,721 | \$112,864 |
| Human Resource System Manager | ASO603 | R | \$98,143 | \$10,305 | \$108,448 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$30,105 | \$11,590 | \$41,695 |
| Project Manager | ASO803 | R | \$118,413 | \$17,762 | \$136,175 |
| Manager Frontline Tech Section | ASO803 | R | \$118,413 | \$17,762 | \$136,175 |
| Fingerprint Investigator | TGO203 | A/R | \$75,262 | \$28,976 | \$104,238 |
| Senior Analyst Programmer | ASO704 | R | \$110,107 | \$6,606 | \$116,713 |

The Department for Correctional Services has advised the following:

| Job Title | Classification | Attraction / Retention Allowance— Monetary Component | Car parking | Vehicle | Living away from Home allowance | Telephone expense |
|--|----------------|--|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chief Executive | | | \$2,006 | \$8,265 | | |
| Deputy Chief Executive | SAES2 | | \$2,006 | \$8,832 | | |
| Executive Director Community Corrections and Special Prisons | SAES1 | | \$2,006 | \$6,589 | | |
| General Manager Yatala Labour Prison (YLP) | SAES1 | | | \$9,035 | | |
| General Manager Port Augusta Prison (PAP) | SAES1 | | | \$1,968 | \$25,904 | |
| Executive Director People and Business Services | SAES1 | | \$2,006 | \$6,569 | | |
| Executive Director Offender Development | SAES1 | | \$2,006 | \$10,813 | | |
| General Manager Port Lincoln Prison | SAES1 | | | | \$265 | \$871 |
| General Manager Mobilong Prison (MOB) | SAES1 | | | \$6,443 | | |
| General Manager Adelaide Womens Prison/Adelaide Pre-release Centre | SAES1 | | | \$1,397 | | |
| Executive Director Better Prisons | SAES1 | | | | | |
| General Manager Port Lincoln Prison | MAS3 | | | \$1,220 | \$676 | |
| Regional Director, Northern | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | \$6,539 | | |
| Regional Director, Southern | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | \$3,748 | | |
| Director, Operational Support and Performance | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | \$801 | | |
| Director, Workforce Management | MAS3 | \$7,500 | | | | |
| Director, Office for Correctional Services Review | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | \$3,706 | | |
| Director, Knowledge and Information Systems | MAS3 | \$12,500 | \$2,006 | \$6,559 | | |
| Director, Strategic Policy, Projects & Partnerships | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | | | |
| Director, Offender Rehabilitation Services (RPB) | AHP5 | \$12,500 | | | | |
| Director, Workforce Management | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | | | |
| Director, Finance | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | | | |
| Assistant General Manager, YLP | MAS2 | \$8,210 | | | | |
| Assistant General Manager, PAP | MAS2 | \$8,210 | | | | |
| Manager Industries, MOB | COS7 | \$4,000 | | | | |

| Job Title | Classification | Attraction / Retention Allowance— Monetary Component | Car parking | Vehicle | Living away from Home allowance | Telephone expense |
|---|----------------|--|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Manager Industries, YLP | CO7 | \$4,000 | | | | |
| Manager Industries, PAP | COS7 | \$4,000 | | | | |
| Principal Advisor Offender Services | AHP4 | \$5,000 | | | | |
| Senior Clinician, RPB | PO3 | \$5,000 | | | | |
| Manager, Security, AWP | COS7 | \$11,000 | | | | |
| Director, Asset Services | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | | | |
| General Manager, Cadell Training Centre | MAS3 | \$12,500 | | | | |

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised the following:

| Position Title | Classification | Allowance Type | Allowance Amount |
|---|----------------|----------------------|--|
| Manager Information Management Services | MAS3 | Retention Allowance | \$5,500 |
| Principal Industrial Relations Advisor | ASO7 | Retention Allowance | \$11,010.70 (10 per cent of salary) |
| Manager Strategic Projects | MAS3 | Attraction Allowance | \$31,533 (29/6/20-28/1/22) |
| Manager Strategic Projects | MAS3 | Attraction Allowance | \$33,587 (3/2/20- 28/6/20) |

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has advised the following:

| Position Title | Classification | Allowance Type | Allowance Amount |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| SAMFS Disciplinary Committee | ZZZ000 | Retention Allowance | \$5,000 |
| SACAD System Manager | MAS3 | Attraction Allowance | \$48,186 |

The South Australian State Emergency Service has advised the following:

| Position Title | Classification | Allowance Type | Allowance Amount |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| General Manager | MAS3 | Retention Allowance | \$25,000 |
| Chief Officer | EXEC0B | Retention Allowance Motor Vehicle | \$30,000 \$20,289 |

The South Australian Country Fire Service has advised that nil attraction or retention allowances have been paid.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):
I have been advised the following in relation to staff employed within my office:

Ministerial staff employed as at 17 July was published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 July 2020.

Due to changes in ministerial portfolios, the following table lists public sector staff employed as at 26 November 2020.

| Title | ASO Classification | Non- salary benefits |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Office Manager | ASO7 | Nil |
| Ministerial Liaison Officer (x2) | ASO6 | Nil |
| Personal Assistant to Minister | ASO5 | Nil |
| Digital Communications Officer (0.6fte) | ASO5 | Nil |
| Senior Business Support Officer | ASO4 | Nil |
| Reception / Business Support Officer | ASO2 | Nil |

Nil staff have been seconded to the ministerial office.

TERMINATION PAYOUTS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

South Australia Police has advised that there has been one executive termination since 1 July 2019 due to expired contract. \$204,185 in leave entitlement payments.

I am advised that there have been no executive terminations since 1 July 2019 for the Department for Correctional Services, the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the South Australian State Emergency Service or the South Australian Country Fire Service

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

South Australia Police has advised there have been three SAES executive appointments made since 1 July 2019:

- Head of Operational Services (IS&T)—\$188,766
- Head of Program Delivery (IS&T)—\$210,000
- Manager Physical Assets Services Branch—\$175,000

The Department for Correctional Services has advised that one new executive appointment has been made since 1 July 2019. The Executive Director iSAFE and End to End Case Management has an annual salary of \$165,297. The estimated total employment cost is \$204,594.

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service advise that two executive appointments have been made since 1 July 2019.

- MFS Chief Officer. The monetary benefits for this position is \$269,599. The total employment cost is \$314,852 per annum.
- MFS Deputy Chief Officer. The monetary benefits for this position is \$220,857 per annum. The total employment cost is \$250,000 per annum.

The South Australian Country Fire Service advise that one new executive appointment was made since 1 July 2019. The chief officer (EXECOC) was appointed with an annual salary of \$260,274. Individual executive total remuneration package values as detailed in schedule 2 of an executive employee's contract will not be disclosed as it is deemed to be unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission and the South Australian State Emergency Service advise that no new executive appointments have been made since 1 July 2019.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

I am advised that South Australia Police has two items appearing under the 'Grants and Subsidies' funding line, one appearing as a recurrent agency grant, being the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) and the other appearing under Administered Items (SA Water). This funding is not subject to carryovers.

The following tables provide the allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates:

| Grant program / fund name | Beneficiary / Recipient | Purpose of grant program / fund | Actual | Forward Estimates | | | | |
|---|--|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | 2019-20 \$000 | 2020-21 \$000 | 2021-22 \$000 | 2022-23 \$000 | 2023-24 \$000 | |
| Community Service Obligation—South Australian Water Corporation | South Australian Water Corporation | Community Service obligation to cover the cost of water and sewage rates forgone on emergency service related properties. | 70 | 71 | 73 | 75 | 77 | |
| National Motor Theft Reduction Council Inc (NMVTRC) | National Motor Theft Reduction Council | Annual funding contribution as specified in the Inter-Governmental and Insurance Industry MOU (2018). NMVTRC's work program includes: | 98 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | |

| Grant program / fund name | Beneficiary / Recipient | Purpose of grant program / fund | Actual | Forward Estimates | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2019-20 \$000 | 2020-21 \$000 | 2021-22 \$000 | 2022-23 \$000 | 2023-24 \$000 |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reducing short-term theft; reducing profit-motivated theft; building stakeholder capacity and promoting innovation; and better data | | | | | |

SAPOL pays the total SA contribution on behalf of all in-scope agencies, this being SAPOL, the Attorney-General's Department and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. SAPOL invoices AGD and DIT for their one-third share of \$33K each.

The Department for Correctional Services has advised the following:

| Grant program/fund name | Purpose of grant program/fund | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Estimate \$000 | 2022-23 Estimate \$000 | 2023-24 Estimate \$000 |
|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Integrated Housing Exits | Provide support for offenders who require accommodation | 100,000 | 100,000 | — | — | — |
| Cross Border Family Violence Program | Programs targeting domestic violence for men located in remote communities | 667,318 | 667,318 | 667,318 | — | — |
| Women's Safety Package | Trials of GPS tracking technology for perpetrators of family and domestic violence | 171,000 | — | — | — | — |
| Community Transition & Learning Centre (CTLC) | Prison to Work employment Pilot targeted at Aboriginal male offenders with the aim of reducing offending and providing integration and employment pathways | 2,169,716 | 205,284 | — | — | — |

There are no allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates that are Administered.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission has advised the following:

| Grant program / fund name | Purpose of grant program / fund |
|--|--|
| Community Emergency Services Fund | Established to manage the Emergency Services Levy and disbursement of funds to support the Emergency Services Sector. |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP) | The Disaster Risk Reduction Program objective is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies. The DRRP commenced in the 2020-21 financial year. |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | The Natural Disaster Resilience Program supports projects that have: primary regard for the public interest; key benefits being the improvement of emergency management capability and/or community resilience; and consistency with the national resilience agenda. The NDRP has now been replaced by the DRRP, as above. |
| Prepared Communities Fund | The Prepared Communities Fund supports projects to improve community preparedness for, and resilience to, disaster. |
| Surf Life Saving Club Grants | Grant of \$5,000 to 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs in South Australia to enable the clubs to upgrade key rescue and emergency response equipment. |

| Balance of the Grant Program or Fund | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant program/fund name | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Estimate \$000 | 2022-23 Estimate \$000 | 2023-24 Estimate \$000 |
| Community Emergency Services Fund | \$13.7m | \$10.0m | \$10.0m | \$10.0m | \$10.0m |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP) | \$2.9m | – | – | – | – |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | \$3.4m | – | – | – | – |
| Prepared Communities Fund | \$0.1m | – | – | – | – |
| Surf Life Saving Club Grants | – | – | – | – | – |

| Budgeted (or Actual) Expenditure from the Program or Fund | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant program/fund name | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Estimate \$000 | 2022-23 Estimate \$000 | 2023-24 Estimate \$000 |
| Community Emergency Services Fund | \$345.5m | \$342.1m | \$358.1m | \$365.9m | \$371.3m |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP) | – | \$4.7m | \$1.7m | \$1.7m | \$1.7m |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | \$2.4m | \$3.4m | – | – | – |
| Prepared Communities Fund | \$0.3m | – | – | – | – |
| Surf Life Saving Club Grants | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m |

| Budgeted (or actual) payments into the Program or Fund | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant program/fund name | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Estimate \$000 | 2022-23 Estimate \$000 | 2023-24 Estimate \$000 |
| Community Emergency Services Fund | \$329.7m | \$338.4m | \$358.1m | \$365.9m | \$371.9m |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP) | \$2.9m | \$1.7m | \$1.7m | \$1.7m | \$1.7m |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | – | – | – | – | – |
| Prepared Communities Fund | – | – | – | – | – |
| Surf Life Saving Club Grants | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m | \$0.1m |

| Carryovers into or from the Program or Fund | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant program/fund name | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Estimate \$000 | 2022-23 Estimate \$000 | 2023-24 Estimate \$000 |
| Community Emergency Services Fund | +\$1.6m -\$3.7m | +\$3.7m | – | – | – |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | +\$5.4m -\$3.4m | +\$3.4m | – | – | – |
| Prepared Communities Fund | +\$0.4m | – | – | – | – |

| Commitment of grants in 2020-21 | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Grant program/fund name | Beneficiary/Recipient | Value \$000 |
| | | |

| Commitment of grants in 2020-21 | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Community Emergency Services Fund | As per State Budget Papers and report to the Economic and Finance Committee | As per budgeted payments |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRRP) | State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups. | 927 |
| Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) | State and local governments, not-for-profit, non-government organisations, research institutions and business and community groups. | 3,432 |
| Surf Life Saving Club Grants | 22 Surf Life Saving Clubs | 110 |

I am advised that the South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) does not operate any grant programs or funds. The CFS administered grant payments for additional support for volunteer firefighters in the extraordinary 2019-20 bushfire season on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. During 2019-20, a total of \$347,080 was paid to 97 recipients and during 2020-21, a total of \$18,200 was paid to 5 recipients.

I am advised that the South Australian State Emergency Service and the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service were not responsible for any grant programs or funds during 2019-20 and it is not anticipated that either agency will be responsible for any grant program or fund over the period 2020-21 to 2023-24.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised the following:

The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2019-20 in omnibus question 14.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): South Australia Police advise that the following new sections have been established since 1 July 2019:

- Security Response Section (SRS)

To provide a consistent high visibility policing presence that is trained and equipped to provide an elevated tactical capability, designed to deter and respond to incidents of a violent nature. This capability will complement and support the existing capability provided by general duties police.

- Media Road Safety Unit (MRSU)

Provides multi-media, promotions and digital road safety messaging after the closure of the Motor Accident Commission.

- District Policing Model Stage 2

The second stage of the District Policing Model resulted in the creation of dedicated Response Teams and District Policing Teams to allow SAPOL to increase the visibility and availability of frontline uniform members during the periods of peak demand.

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) advise that the Office for Correctional Services Review was established on 1 July 2019 to better align the investigations, review and performance functions. The new unit also established a single point of liaison with key review agencies. DCS now also hosts the minister's office.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission advise that the Strategic Projects Office was established by Emergency Services Sector Executive in February 2020 to enable the effective delivery of strategic projects as funded under government initiatives. The Strategic Projects Office is currently responsible for the delivery of the New ESS Headquarters, Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and Alert SA projects and is providing project management support for the Independent Bushfire Review action plan implementation.

I am advised that there have been no new sections established within the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the South Australian State Emergency Service or the South Australian Country Fire Service between 1 July 2019 and 26 November 2020.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I have been advised of the following:

Goods and services for 2020-21 and across the forward estimates for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

| | 2020-21 Budget \$000 | 2021-22 Budget \$000 | 2022-23 Budget \$000 | 2023-24 Budget \$000 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Goods and Services | 60,309 | 38,790 | 34,992 | 32,180 |

The increase in 2020-21 relates to time limited programs.

- Top 10 providers of goods and services for 2019-20 by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions:

| Provider | Description | Amount \$'000 |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| DPTI | Rent and facilities management. | 7,865 |
| Randstad Pty Ltd | Provision of field teams and staffing for Fruit Fly response and SIT Facility operations. | 4,501 |
| Zen Energy Retail Pty Ltd | Electricity. | 1,895 |
| University of Adelaide | Project milestone payments and shared occupancy costs | 1,457 |
| Data 3 Ltd | Information Technology | 1,367 |
| Leaseplan Australia Ltd | Leasing and vehicle fleet management services. | 1,157 |
| Rntt Pty Ltd | Fruit Fly response. | 1,111 |
| Department of Premier & Cabinet | Transmission services, Statelink, Internet services, landline services and rental. | 994 |
| Clinical Laboratories Pty Ltd | Pathology services. | 882 |
| Dell Australia Pty Ltd | Information Technology | 853 |

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I have been advised of the following:

Between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, there were nil executive roles abolished within the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA. During this period there were nil executive roles created.

1. The following table provides a list of abolished positions between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

| Position Title | Classification | Estimated Cost | Abolished Date |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| CLAIMS COORDINATOR | ASO503 | \$102,434.62 | 30/08/2019 |
| CONSULTANT (People and Culture) | ASO504 | \$106,078.46 | 05/07/2019 |
| BUSINESS MANAGER | ASO702 | \$123,511.78 | 05/07/2019 |
| SENIOR PROJECT & CONTRACTS MANAGER | ASO704 | \$129,926.26 | 19/07/2019 |
| PRINCIPAL INFO & GIS STRATEGIST | ASO704 | \$129,926.26 | 19/07/2019 |
| OFFICE MANAGER | ASO704 | \$129,926.26 | 02/08/2019 |
| PRINCIPAL COST ACCOUNTANT | ASO704 | \$129,926.26 | 20/12/2019 |
| SENIOR CATCHMENT HYDROLOGY CONSULTANT | PO204 | \$108,583.60 | 05/07/2019 |
| SENIOR ANIMAL HEALTH ADVISER | PO303 | \$119,046.66 | 05/07/2019 |

2. The following table provides a list of created positions between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

| Position Title | Classification | Estimated Cost | Created Date |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| RECREATIONAL FISHING MANAGER | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 1/07/2019 |
| DOG FENCE REBUILD MANAGER | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 11/08/2019 |
| MANAGER COMMERCIALISATION & PARTNER | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 2/09/2019 |
| SENIOR CONSULTANT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 1/01/2020 |
| TEAM LEADER, BIOSECURITY | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 8/06/2020 |
| RECOVERY PROJECTS COORDINATOR | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 15/06/2020 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER | ASO601 | \$109,485.12 | 29/06/2020 |
| SENIOR CONSULTANT AG TECH | PO301 | \$112,606.22 | 21/10/2019 |
| STRATEGY MANAGER | ASO701 | \$120,193.62 | 7/10/2019 |
| PROGRAM MANAGER, BUSHFIRE RECOVERY | ASO701 | \$120,193.62 | 25/03/2020 |
| PROGRAM LEADER, ENTOMOLOGY | PO501 | \$138,359.72 | 1/10/2019 |

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I have been advised of the following:

| Provider | Purpose | \$ Actual payment |
|--|--|-------------------|
| BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd | Review of PIRSA protective security framework | \$15,745.78 |
| BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd | Forestry compliance audit | \$23,474.55 |
| Creativation Pty Ltd | PIRSA cost recovery modelling | \$34,700.00 |
| Ag Grow Agronomy & Research | Aussian Wheat Aphid research | 10,680.00 |
| Agrisearch Services Pty Ltd | Research—Aphid Trials | 70,717.00 |
| Agvet Services Pty Ltd | Veterinary Services | 86,252.55 |
| All Occasions Management | AdvanceAg conference & Loxton hailstorm response | 66,795.45 |
| Alpha Group Consulting | Field weather station supply, monitoring, inspections & audits | 27,220.40 |
| ASG Group Limited | Diagnostic services | 65,988.13 |
| Aus-Meat Limited | Food safety audits | 40,320.00 |
| Australian Fisheries | Vessels monitoring | 50,197.11 |
| Australian Fumigation Pty Ltd | Fumigation services | 10,800.00 |
| Australian Wine Research | Vineyards irrigation trial, fermentation analysis services | 81,863.50 |
| Barefoot Contracting | Wild dog trapping services | 26,600.00 |
| BDO Administration (SA) Pty Ltd | Aquaculture audit & analysis | 47,805.55 |
| BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd | Marine scale fishery reform & independent panel support | 85,890.41 |
| Bioscout Pty Ltd | Surveillance system services | 20,483.00 |
| Biz Hub Australia Pty Ltd | IT services | 10,000.00 |
| Bureau of Meteorology | Biosecurity alerts | 15,000.00 |
| Chamonix IT Management | ICT support, development & management services | 346,317.00 |
| Charles Sturt University | Research services | 90,943.75 |
| CKM Management Solutions Pty Ltd | Project modelling & support services | 11,962.50 |
| Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd | Chemical disposal | 12,547.09 |
| CQR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd | Governance Framework services | 14,400.00 |
| Creativation Pty Ltd | Corporate benchmarking services | 14,000.00 |
| CSIRO Accounts Receivable | Grain & fish management research | 45,661.00 |
| Deloitte Financial Advisory Pty Ltd | Finance advisory services | 58,460.00 |
| Deloitte Risk Advisory Pty Ltd | Management & administration services | 21,991.95 |
| Dematec Automation Pty Ltd | Surveillance system services | 73,573.00 |
| Department for Environment & Water | Pastoral land condition assessment | 20,000.00 |
| Department of Agriculture & Fisheries | Research services | 80,794.00 |
| Department of Environment Land Water & Planning | Fisheries management services | 34,000.00 |
| Department of Industry | Fisheries management services | 16,250.00 |
| Department of Jobs, Precincts & Regions | Livestock Research | 113,440.04 |
| Department of Planning Transport & Infrastructure | Information searches | 22,177.78 |
| Department of Planning, Industry & Environment | Pest & disease surveillance | 33,380.00 |
| Department of Premier & Cabinet | Web services | 30,000.00 |
| Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development WA | Hay & Oats Genebank research | 80,000.00 |
| Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment | Crop research & oyster program management | 98,305.05 |
| EP Analysis | Soil analysis | 79,237.00 |
| EPAG Research Trust | Research services | 108,858.00 |
| Ernst & Young | Development of Riverland food & wine business case | 92,207.90 |
| Esri Australia Pty Ltd | ICT Support & maintenance for Aginsight website | 15,000.00 |
| Farmer Johns Nuriootpa | Equipment purchase | 12,250.00 |
| Finite Group Apac Pty Ltd | Recruitment services | 33,332.00 |

| Provider | Purpose | \$ Actual payment |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation | Fisheries management services | 124,000.00 |
| Fishwell Consulting Pty Ltd | Recreational fishing surveys & industry reform | 16,250.00 |
| Flinders University | Oyster surveillance project | 60,000.00 |
| Fragile To Agile (Asia Pac) Pty Ltd | ICT infrastructure services | 129,600.00 |
| Frontier Farming Systems Pty Ltd | Wheat trials | 118,142.65 |
| Fujitsu Australia Ltd | ICT system management & upgrade services | 18,900.00 |
| Galpins Accountants Auditors and Business Consultants | Business continuity management performance audit | 44,958.19 |
| Gibbs Fencing | Fencing services | 15,105.00 |
| Gum Creek Station Pty Ltd | Bait supply | 25,154.00 |
| Hart Field—Site Group Inc. | Wheat & Oat research | 61,377.82 |
| Heli-Farm Pty Ltd | Helicopter Hire | 11,404.57 |
| Hoppt Australia Pty Ltd | Invasive species freight costs | 18,171.00 |
| Hugh Millar And Associates Pty Ltd | Veterinary Services Board Desktop Review | 10,610.76 |
| In Fusion Consulting | Information Technology services | 12,000.00 |
| Inside Infrastructure Pty Ltd | Biosecurity Fruit fly Breeding program | 267,807.50 |
| Insync Solutions Pty Ltd | ICT support services | 22,800.00 |
| Intelligent Business Research | Risk consultation | 22,500.00 |
| Knispel Brothers Pty Ltd | Food trial | 21,000.00 |
| KPPM Strategy | Public engagement analysis | 12,500.00 |
| Lehmann & Whillas Pty Ltd | Business support | 43,354.13 |
| M & S Food Consultants Pty Ltd | Agricultural Trials & research | 106,811.82 |
| Mac Shearing Pty Ltd | Shearing Services | 56,672.05 |
| Macquarie University | Technical services | 30,000.00 |
| Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc. | Mixed farm sustainability review | 276,000.00 |
| Marel Australia Pty Ltd | Livestock processing & process | 31,507.76 |
| Micron Shearing Pty Ltd | Shearing Services | 15,262.20 |
| Moodie Agronomy | Crop field trials | 30,000.00 |
| Murray Darling Fisheries Pty Ltd | Native fingerling stocking of rivers | 148,400.00 |
| Newday Farming Pty Ltd | Wild dog trapping services | 74,900.00 |
| Northumberland Bay Pty Ltd | Boat hire | 15,454.55 |
| Objective Corporation Ltd | IT upgrade & services | 26,843.79 |
| Oracle Customer Management | Fishwatch & eWatch service fees | 106,880.08 |
| Out of The Blue | New Fish Same Dish | 14,000.00 |
| P2R2 Consulting Pty Ltd | Training services | 15,500.00 |
| Paks National Pty Ltd | Pest management | 29,900.00 |
| Pengelly Consultancy Pty Ltd | Process & work plan development | 10,820.00 |
| Peracto Pty Ltd | Crop research | 98,257.27 |
| Private Contractor | Cartage services | 19,893.02 |
| Private Contractor | Research work | 77,600.00 |
| Private Contractor | Hay Baling | 24,929.80 |
| Private Contractor | Safety training | 19,909.09 |
| Private Contractor | Silage services | 43,159.50 |
| Private Contractor | Assessment advice | 12,600.00 |
| Private Contractor | Trapping services | 10,500.00 |
| Private Contractor | Mentor services | 32,685.99 |
| Promanage Australia Pty Ltd | Management services | 52,112.26 |
| RA Irlam Shearing Contractor | Shearing services | 33,580.88 |
| Randstad Pty Ltd | Contractor services for fruit fly response | 1,055,998.52 |
| Redman Trading Trust | Rock lobster survey services | 14,800.00 |
| Remcast Pty Ltd | Biosecurity digital strategy | 20,500.00 |
| RNTT Pty Ltd | Temporary labour hire—Fruit Fly | 304,400.41 |
| Robyn Cain Business Services | Professional mentor services drought management | 17,244.60 |
| Ronald Boland Contracting | Wild dog trapping services | 10,500.00 |
| S. Smith & Son Pty Ltd | Virus testing | 18,172.00 |
| SA Blue Crab Pot Fishers Assoc | Boat hire | 34,000.00 |
| SA Northern Zone Rock Lobster | Co-Management services—Rock Lobster | 307,625.00 |
| Scan Conversion Services Pty Ltd | Scanning Services | 15,162.55 |
| Southern Farming Systems Pty Ltd | Russian Wheat Aphid management | 11,346.00 |
| Southern Landscape & Construction | Landscaping services | 27,000.00 |
| Spencer Gulf & West Coast Prawn Fisherman's Association Inc. | Vessel Hire | 168,000.00 |
| Statistical Process | Process improvement & analysis | 103,000.00 |
| Stonewell Contracting Pty Ltd | Cartage service | 14,651.15 |

| Provider | Purpose | \$ Actual payment |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Stratdigi | ICT review | 22,950.00 |
| Svelte Studios | Regulatory reform & information technology services | 30,638.13 |
| The University of Adelaide | Fruit Fly Research | 23,034.00 |
| Three Friends Fishing Company | Survey services | 45,000.00 |
| Trengove Consulting Trust | Soil testing services | 41,100.00 |
| University of Adelaide | Research services | 750,915.46 |
| University of South Australia | Snail management research | 95,625.00 |
| University of Tasmania | Field work & validation, poultry industry | 147,732.00 |
| University of WA | Project work | 29,564.00 |
| University of Wollongong | Statistical analysis services | 70,000.00 |
| Velrada Capital Pty Ltd | Corporate reporting | 19,200.00 |
| Vinet Solutions (SA) Pty Ltd | Enterprise data storage infrastructure | 177,261.23 |
| Watrede Australia Pty Ltd | Regional Water Management Services | 10,000.00 |
| Wetland Research and Management | Monitoring & evaluation services | 12,802.00 |
| Wildpest Management Pty Ltd | Training services | 13,900.00 |
| Wrightsair Pty Ltd | Dog Fence inspection plane charter | 43,409.09 |
| Zane Thomson Fisheries | Fisheries management services | 12,000.00 |
| Total | | 8,486,968.31 |

Consultancies and contractors were appointed in compliance with procurement policies.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

- 6.6 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions (excluding digital services) as at 30 June 2020, costing \$746,437.
- FTEs budgeted to provide communications and promotion activities (excluding digital services):

| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FTE | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| Estimated employee expenses | 869,000 | 876,000 | 884,000 | 892,000 |

- 2019-20—\$206,184
- 2020-21—\$680,000

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I am advised:

| Position title | Allowance—monetary component |
|---|------------------------------|
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST—OCEANOGRAPHY | \$7,399.54 |
| RESEARCH SCIENTIST | \$7,500.00 |
| RESEARCH SCIENTIST (ABALONE) | \$8,800.00 |
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST VITICULTURE | \$12,000.00 |
| ICT ARCHITECT DATA & INFRASTRUCTURE | \$12,125.00 |
| PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST | \$15,126.00 |
| SUB PROGRAM LEADER, CRUSTACEAN | \$15,126.00 |
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST CROP ECOPHYSIOLOGY | \$16,000.00 |
| PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS | \$16,000.00 |
| MANAGER BUDGET STRATEGY | \$16,500.00 |
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST | \$20,000.00 |
| MANAGER OF MARKET ACCESS | \$20,283.00 |
| GENERAL MANAGER FOOD & PLANT STANDARDS | \$21,694.00 |
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST CLIMATE VARIABILITY | \$22,312.00 |
| GENERAL MANAGER, STRATEGY POLICY & INVASIVE SPECIES | \$23,084.00 |
| TECHNICAL MANAGER, POULTRY FOOD PRODUCTIONS SYSTEMS | \$25,772.00 |

| Position title | Allowance— monetary component |
|---|----------------------------------|
| PROGRAM LEADER (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MITIGATION & REHABILITATION) | \$26,855.00 |
| PROGRAM LEADER SOIL BIOLOGY & MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS | \$29,251.00 |
| PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST MARINE ECOSYSTEMS | \$30,000.00 |
| PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST | \$32,680.00 |
| CHIEF LIVESTOCK & FARMING | \$39,062.00 |

There were no non-salary benefits paid to public servants or contracts in the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I have been advised the following in relation to staff employed within my office:

- Ministerial staff employed as at 17 July was published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 July 2020.
- The following table lists public sector staff employed as at 30 June 2020

| Title | ASO Classification | Non- salary benefits |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Office Manager | ASO703 | Car Park |
| Executive Assistant to the Minister | ASO504 | Car Park |
| Senior Business Support Officer | ASO504 | Car Park |
| Ministerial Liaison Officer | ASO501 | |
| Ministerial Liaison Officer | ASO501 | |
| Business Support Officer | ASO301 | |
| Business Support Officer | ASO302 | |

[Note—non-salary benefit could be a description or value (i.e. car park)]

TERMINATION PAYOUTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): Nil.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

| Position title | Class | Appointment Start Date | Annual salary | Total remuneration package value |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BIOSECURITY SA | SAES1 | 16/09/2019 | \$205,479.00 | \$225,000.00 |
| CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | SAES1 | 06/01/2020 | \$166,896.00 | \$190,000.00 |
| CHIEF EXECUTIVE | EXEC0F | 06/04/2020 | \$365,297.00 | \$400,000.00 |

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): Nil.

ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

Funds to manage the Government's road safety advertising, research, partnerships and sponsorships programs are administered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and South Australia Police (SAPOL).

DIT's budget allocation of our \$5 million contributes towards:

- Road Safety Partnership Program (\$2.520m in 2020-21)
- Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR) (\$1.522m in 2020-21)
- Maintenance of Road Safety Billboards across the network and analysis of road crash data analytics (\$0.986m).

SAPOL's budget allocation (\$11.255m in 2020-21) contributes towards:

- Road Safety—Development of Data Analytics Capabilities
- Road Safety—Campaigns
- Road Safety—Digital Communications and Media
- Media Road Safety Unit
- Traffic Intelligence and Planning Activities
- Heavy Vehicle Enforcement Activities
- Statewide Road Safety Committee

ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services):

I have been advised:

| Partner Organisation | Event/Program | 2019-20 Actual \$000 | 2020-21 Actual \$000 |
|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Adelaide Football Club | AFL Season | 120 | 120 |
| Port Adelaide Football Club | AFL Season | 120 | 120 |
| Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority | Road Safety messages in stadium | 60 | 110 |
| South Australian National Football League (SANFL) | Major sponsor 2020 country football league | 220 | 220 |
| Power Community Limited—Port Adelaide Football Club | WillPOWER/Aboriginal Power Cup | 60 | 60 |
| Adelaide United Football Club | Silver sponsor for A-League Season | 55 | 80 |
| Lightning Basketball | WNBL Season | 150 | 100 |
| RAA | Street Smart Primary | 60 | 100 |
| RAA | Street Smart High | 100 | - |
| South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) | Tour Down Under | 187 | 188 |
| Metropolitan Fire Service | Road Awareness Program | 86 | 86 |
| Motorcycle Rider's Association | Toy Run | 12 | 12 |
| Alcohol and Drug Foundation | Good Sports Program | 60 | 65 |
| DIT | NYE Transport | 48 | 50 |
| Helix Player Management | Olympic cyclists (Annette Edmondson & Alex Porter) | 20 | - |
| SELGA—Road Safety Officer | Regional Community Road Safety Officer | 65 | - |
| DIT (SA Public Transport Authority) | Footy Express Operation/internal cost | 425 | 425 |
| Ambassador Program | Community representatives to promote road safety messaging | - | 80 |
| Regional Sub-program | Promote road safety priorities in regional areas | - | 80 |
| Discretionary—Strategic Opportunities | Allowance for new programs | - | 65 |
| Partnership Leveraging Commitment | Leveraging required to deliver proposed partnerships | 371 | 559 |
| | Total | 2,219 | 2,520 |

ROAD REGULATION

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

(a) The 2019-20 actuals for sub-program Road Use Regulation include unbudgeted expenditure for revaluation of workers compensation, movement in employee liabilities and COVID-19 costs. \$0.8m was allocated to the 2019-20 actual costs for sub-program Road Use Regulation.

(b) Funding has not been diverted.

POLAIR

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services): I have been advised:

162 times. 37 per cent.

REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): The full \$15 million Regional Growth Fund has been allocated or committed to projects. As projects are paid in arrears on completion of milestones, actual payment data will vary from year of budget allocation.

The 2019-20 actual of \$9.5 million on the grants and subsidies line on page 68 includes grant payments from the Regional Growth Fund, payments from the former Regional Development Fund, annual contribution payment to Regional Development Australia, payments for the Mobile Black Spot Program, the former Economic Sustainability Program and the former Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Fund.

FRUIT FLY

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

(a) 9,772.

(b) 2,936. Out of this number 191 have had their expiation notice withdrawn. 26 people have elected to be prosecuted in court and PIRSA has succeeded in every case to date.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I am advised since the implementation of Zero Tolerance PIRSA has received 13 complaints of inappropriate behaviour from inspectors. On each occasion the complaints have been investigated by PIRSA through body worn camera footage recorded of all interactions with the public. I am further advised in all cases, the footage has refuted all allegations and complaints.

PASTORAL LEASES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): Extensive consultation has been undertaken of the review of the Pastoral Bill and many ideas have been raised both in verbal and written engagement. Regulated stock maximums has adherents as well as detractors and is just one area of potential reform. All feedback on stock maximums will be considered before finalising a government position.

ABALONE INDUSTRY

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

(a) In 2018-19, the abalone fishing industry related contribution to Gross State Product (GSP) was \$57.0 million.

(b) In 2018-19, the statewide abalone fishery supported a total of 423 FTE jobs.

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

There is not only variation between sectors but also within sectors, as quota unit, Marine Scalefish access and gear fees vary the annual fees between licences within the same sector. A summary of base licence fees and average licence price is included below. For sectors which have quota, access or gear fees the average price has been worked out based on the sum of all annual fees within the sector divided by number of licences in the sector.

| Fishery | Base Fee | Unit/Net/Boat Fees | Avg Licence Fee |
|--|-----------|--|-----------------|
| Blue Crab | 3,215.00 | 27.00 per unit | 35,474.00 |
| Charter *note 50 per cent fee waiver for 2020-21 Financial Year* | 3,208.00 | Vary per boat size | 2,198.07 |
| CZ Abalone | 17,317.00 | 693.00 per unit | 78,238.63 |
| SZ Abalone | 16,495.00 | 297.00 per unit | 78,865.00 |
| WZ Abalone | 13,491.00 | 513.00 per unit | 67,662.17 |
| WC Prawn | 27,221.0 | | 27,221.00 |
| GSV Prawn | 40,991.00 | | 40,991.00 |
| SG Prawn | 27,049.00 | | 27,049.00 |
| SZ Rock Lobster | 7,609.00 | 175.00 per unit (plus MSF access fees) | 21,791.30 |
| NZ Rock Lobster | 3,582.00 | 11.80 per unit (plus MSF access fees) | 28,871.27 |
| Lakes & Coorong | 2,724.00 | Quota and Net fees | 19,421.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,896.00 | Net and VMS fees | 9,341.59 |
| Marine Scalefish* | 2,947.00 | Quota and Net fees | 7,112.01 |
| River | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Exploratory/Developmental | 2,391.00 | | 2,391.00 |

*this includes licences in the Sardine & Vongole fishery

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): In the 2020-21 financial year, SARDI has budgeted to receive \$7.512 million from government sources, other than the South Australian government, and \$48.45 million from industry sources.

FORESTRY INDUSTRY

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

(a) Priority roads identified were Siegersdorf Road, Tolley Road and Falkenberg Road, Claywells Road, Brookman Road, Wickham Hill Road, Onkaparinga Valley Road, Echunga Road and Battunga Road, and Lde Road.

(b) Road funding is a responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

(c) These are matters of responsibility for the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

APIARY INDUSTRY

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development): I am advised:

(a) In 2014 the former Government abolished the SA Apiary Industry Advisory Group (SA AIAG). Industry members subsequently formed the Apiary Alliance South Australia (AASA).

It is up to industry to determine their appropriate representation structure.

(b) The Department of Primary Industries and Regions has not received any letters regarding as described.

MURRAY COD

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee A)

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

(a) The Minister's Recreational Fishing Advisory Council undertook a survey to determine the priorities of the recreational fishing sector. Survey participants were asked to prioritise 'additional fish restocking programs' and it received an average score of 8.07 out of a possible 10.

(b) and (c) Since 2010, limited catch and release fishing for Murray cod has been allowed in the Murray River between 1 January and 31 July, and this is reviewed on an annual basis. The decision to allow for limited catch and release for the 2021 season was made on 18 December 2020.