

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 4 February 2021

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.

Parliamentary Committees

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRY PETITION

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (11:02): I move:

That the report of the committee, entitled 'Report on the House of Assembly petition No. 1 of 2020: government retention of Motor Vehicle Registry functions and Service SA branches', be noted.

The government retention of Motor Vehicle Registry functions and Service SA branches petition was the first to be presented to either house since the amendments made by the Parliamentary Committees (Petitions) Amendment Act 2019.

Those amendments inserted section 16B, which was titled 'Certain petitions referred to Legislative Review Committee', into the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991. Section 16B requires any eligible petition presented to either house containing not less than 10,000 signatures to be referred to the Legislative Review Committee.

The amendments also inserted paragraph (ba) into section 12—Functions of Committee—of that act, requiring the committee to inquire into, consider and report to parliament on any eligible petition referred to it and, to date, I note that we have had three petitions referred to us: the one that we are tabling and discussing today, as well as one on the Teachers Registration Board and one on the planning act.

As it was the member for Florey who presented the Parliamentary Committees (Petitions) Amendment Bill 2019 that ultimately brought about these amendments, it was fitting that it was also the member for Florey who, on 5 February 2020, presented the first eligible petition, containing some 12,705 signatures, to the House of Assembly. That petition urged:

...the government to retain the Motor Vehicle Registry and all its functions under public control, to especially protect personal data from being used for private profit, and to keep all Service SA offices open, preserving face-to-face services upon which people rely.

The petition arose in response to a government announcement, as part of the 2018-19 state budget, that it intended to close three Service SA centres at Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect, and the government's acknowledgement in February 2019 that it was looking at the motor vehicle registry, as it was compelled to do thanks to a previous deal done by a previous government.

Once the petition was referred to the Legislative Review Committee by the House of Assembly the committee invited the member for Florey to appear before it. Given the member for Florey's instrumental role in referring eligible petitions to the Legislative Review Committee, the committee also took the opportunity to query the member as to processes the committee might adopt in inquiring into petitions.

The committee next sought advice from the then Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the member for Schubert. The former minister provided a letter attaching his responses to questions posed by the committee. I have to say that being a recent addition to that committee I did not have the pleasure of hearing from those two witnesses, but I am certain it was compelling evidence.

The committee intended to seek further evidence in the form of submissions and evidence from the public and stakeholders. However, in the view of the Legislative Review Committee the issues raised in the petition were satisfactorily resolved by the decisions of the government without the committee needing to take further steps in its inquiry into the petition. That being said, the petitioners' first request was that the government not privatise the motor vehicle registry, an action

that petitioners feared could put customers' personal data, including medical information and banking details, at risk of being used for private profit.

The former minister advised the committee that the government was required, under an agreement struck by the previous government during the privatisation of the lands titles office, to use 'reasonable endeavours' to consider privatising the management of the motor vehicle registry. If this government had failed to do so, pursuant to that agreement done by the former government this government could be liable for a fee of up to \$80 million. On 10 June 2020, the former minister confirmed to the committee that the government reached a decision in December 2019 not to proceed with that decision on the motor vehicle registry.

The second request of the petitioners was that the government maintain all Service SA centres and preserve face-to-face customer services at all centres. As members of this place would be aware, Service SA provides important services to customers in South Australia, including registering vehicles, licensing drivers and providing numberplates. The petitioners expressed concerns that the centres slated for closure—Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect—were among the busiest centres we had.

The member for Florey and other members also voiced concerns that seniors, residents who are not fluent in English and those with low incomes would be particularly disadvantaged by a shift to online services. Closures of these centres could result in longer queues, longer wait times and poor service delivery at other already busy centres. The former minister then confirmed, in correspondence to the committee of 23 July, that the government would no longer be proceeding with those proposed changes to Service SA at Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect. He also advised the committee that the government intends to progress other improvements to the existing centres.

Despite the government's decisions, the member for Florey requested that the committee continue its inquiry into the petition to seek details about the new model for operations of Service SA centres described by the former minister. The member for Florey expressed concerns that the kiosk model of delivery could be contrary to the petitioners' request to preserve face-to-face delivery of services.

The government's decision surrounding the motor vehicle registry and Service SA centres at Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect satisfied the committee that the petitioners' concerns had been addressed. The service delivery model described by the former minister, and already in place in the new Currie Street Service SA office, has reportedly received positive reviews and feedback and, importantly for the petitioners, include a number of face-to-face service counters. In addition, Service SA staff members are available to assist customers who choose to process their transactions at Service SA centre self-service PCs and kiosks. Therefore, the committee made the following findings:

1. The Government has indicated that it will not proceed with the...Motor Vehicle Registry [decision]. This decision means that citizens' personal data will remain in the hands of government entities and not private companies.
2. The Government indicated that it will not proceed with the [changes to the] Service SA centres at Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect.
3. The Government's intention to progress improvements to the Service SA centres includes a plan to retain face-to-face service counters.

As noted by the member for Florey in her speech on the Parliamentary Committees (Petitions) Amendment Bill on 20 March 2019, a petition is 'the oldest and most direct way citizens can draw attention to a problem and ask parliament to act'. This petition is the first petition to be referred to the Legislative Review Committee under section 16B of the Parliamentary Committees Act.

The petition has enabled the voices of concerned citizens to be heard by both the parliament and the government, and in this instance the need for the committee to call for public submissions or receive further evidence from stakeholders was alleviated by the government's decisions on the issues raised in the petition. Nonetheless, the outcome has demonstrated that a petition can be an effective means for the public to have an impact on the parliament and the government.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the current members of the Legislative Review Committee: the Presiding Member, the Hon. Nicola Centofanti MLC; the Hon. Connie Bonaros MLC; the Hon. Irene Pnevmatikos MLC; as well as the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP and Mr Nick

McBride MP. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank former members of the committee who were involved in the work on this petition, including the current Speaker, the member for Kavel, and the Hon. Dennis Hood and the Hon. Terry Stephens from the other place.

In addition, I would like to express sincere thanks to the committee secretary, Mr Matt Balfour, and the research officer, Ms Maureen Affleck, for their assistance—and tremendous assistance it is. I would also like to express the committee's gratitude to the member for Florey and to the former Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for their significant contributions into this inquiry about this significant petition.

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (11:11): I would like to thank the Legislative Review Committee for its work and deliberations and the member for Narungga for the very fine speech he has made in moving that this report be noted. I also note, as he has said, this is the first report following on from the change to petitions and how they are dealt with, particularly petitions of 10,000 or more signatures—that is a significant number of people to approach and explain something in 30 seconds and hope they will sign it.

I would like to acknowledge, too, parliament's role in passing this democratic measure to the ways people can feed their views into this place. For me, it reinforces the notion democracy can happen every day, not just once every four years. This report came about because the signatures in total of 25,766 people were gathered in a very short space of time, evidence of the significant community unrest at the suggestion by the former minister, on behalf of this government, that local Service SA offices in very busy and major shopping centres and community locations were going to be closed.

The unrest went even further: people were not in favour of the services provided by Service SA being privatised, putting their data at risk but, more importantly, delivering another cut to the services government should be providing to the community at a community level. While slightly different, the wording of the petitions required the government to do the same thing and the committee's findings have come down on the side of the people, as have the announced—or, can I say, promised—government actions.

The committee acknowledges, firstly, 'The government has indicated that it will not proceed with the privatisation of the Motor Vehicle Registry,' meaning personal data remains safely in government hands. Rather than being seen as a step backwards in the endless pursuit of cost cutting—because, let's make no mistake, that is why we privatise things—let's look on this as a decision for common sense and retention of the employment and conditions of the valued staff of this essential service.

These are the people with the corporate knowledge to make the necessary improvements to make our system the very best service it can be. Make no mistake also, the people have acted emphatically because they did not want any more privatisations: they truly want the motor registry to remain in government hands.

Secondly, the committee found, 'The government indicated that it will not proceed with the closure of Service SA centres at Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect.' I should hope this assurance has not been given with fingers crossed firmly behind anyone's back. Disturbingly, it does not say much about what those centres might look like into the future, particularly when you take into consideration finding No. 3, which is, 'The government's intention to progress improvements to the Service SA centres includes a plan to retain face-to-face service counters.' Might I suggest the first thing the government does is increase staffing to a level which delivers good customer service while retaining staff morale and sanity.

In previous employment, I worked for Medicare, in its very earliest days, in the very small floor space that was their initial cash payment centre. There, four assessors, four information officers and two cashiers, of which I was one, processed hundreds and often thousands of claims every day. This was a very small pool of staff processing so many claims that it was considered by management as a miracle and an example for the rest of Australia to follow.

But I can tell you, I did not observe that sort of pressure reflected by the output of the people working upstairs, who were often significantly working out at the table tennis table rather than at their desks. Mind you, I can seem to bear a grudge for a very long time, can't I?

During the pandemic, our constituents have still needed to use and visit the Service SA centres, because not all services can be performed online and, more often than not, we just need a bit of advice or guidance on how to go about the tasks we might try to perform online. The lines have not diminished. They have been out the door and onto the footpath in 40° heat, and the pressure on customers and staff has not abated. I firmly believe we will always need face-to-face service of some kind because, while technology is well and truly here, there is no substitute for human interaction.

While looking at the service that Service SA provides, might I suggest we begin to make numberplates again here in South Australia, rather than outsourcing that to Western Australia. Not that there is anything wrong with Western Australia, but I think we can support local industry here just as well.

In welcoming the findings of the report of the Legislative Review Committee in report No. 1 on petitions, I sincerely hope government has listened and will not inflict death by a thousand cuts onto these three Service SA offices, in particular, but the entire Service SA operation. Our constituents have every right to now expect that government will keep their word in the true meaning and understanding of the commitment and be able to recognise the services provided by Service SA well into the future, and not have it look like some sort of high-tech, sci-fi shop or ATM centre where the doors open and close and there is nobody else involved in the space.

This will be an election issue. There will need to be continuing assurances given, and it will be expected those assurances will be upheld. I thank the committee for their report and commend their findings to the house.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (11:16): I also thank the member for Narungga and the work of the Legislative Review Committee in bringing this report to the house today to be noted. Indeed, I thank the member for Florey for her campaign not only to see the Service SA centres in her community and across the north-east saved, and indeed mine in Mitcham, and Prospect as well, but also to see some reform of parliamentary procedure and the way that we deal with petitions.

It is fantastic to see that now a petition of over 10,000 signatures that is presented to the house will get due consideration within the committee system as well, which I think is very important. I think it adds to the important work of the Legislative Review Committee, and I have no doubt that the staff of the committee will be able to handle petitions that come through and any delegated and subordinate legislation that they have to deal with as they sit on every alternate Wednesday morning.

In terms of my community, people in my community were very disappointed and upset when the news came through in the 2018 state budget that the Mitcham Service SA centre would be closing. I know that people from my community were part of the many thousands of signatures that formed the 25,766 signatures presented to this place to express the people's disappointment at the closure of three very well-utilised service centres.

I understand that there is a legacy issue from the former Labor government's privatisation and sale of the lands titles office, which in and of itself was absolutely disgraceful, and there was a bit of a catch-it clause in there, but for the government and the bureaucracy to think that they can close three very well-used service centres in communities, especially by many of our elderly residents who are not as au fait with technology as some of us in this house might be, is actually a real indictment of all of us.

I know I was in the Mitcham shopping centre all through 2018 and 2019 collecting petitions, and I give a true thank you to everyone who contributed. I then presented the signatures to this house and spoke to my colleagues across the parliament against the desire to see the Mitcham Service SA centre closed, and indeed those in Prospect and Modbury as well.

As the member for Florey said, it is good to know that people power is being listened to and being used. More importantly, it is our job as members of parliament to hold the bureaucracy to account in order to ensure that the centres stay open and that they are not providing a diminished service.

I know lease agreements are up in all three of those centres, including mine in Mitcham, and I implore the government to maintain the service in Mitcham and to ensure the FTE is available for the people. The Mitcham Service SA centre has been there for many years. I was in there a few months ago because I had to finalise some paperwork. I still use a chequebook and I still use the

Mitcham Service SA. It is important that we use local services in local communities because that is what keeps us together.

Ms MICHAELS (Enfield) (11:20): I would like to thank the Legislative Review Committee for looking into this issue and I would particularly like to thank the member for Florey for ensuring that the Legislative Review Committee took time to review the government's decision to privatise the motor vehicle registry and close the three Service SA branches at Prospect, Mitcham and Modbury. The member not only collected more than 12,000 signatures but had to do it twice to comply with the changes in the legislation. I thank her for her persistence in doing that.

The key concerns of the petitioners are the same as the concerns in my local area of Enfield. These were that the motor vehicle registry should be retained in public control to protect our personal data and of course to keep our Service SA centres open, particularly the Prospect centre within my local electorate. I have spoken in this place a number of times about the importance of the Prospect Service SA to my area, and one of the key election promises I made when I came into this place was to keep it open. It continues to be an important issue in my community, and I will come back to that in a moment.

Thankfully, the government chose not to privatise the motor vehicle registry. South Australians do place a tremendous amount of trust in the government in the collection of their data, as we have seen recently during COVID times. The sale of the motor vehicle registry would have whittled away that trust in the South Australian government by our locals, and many people have expressed their concerns to me that providing personal data to private companies was a great concern to them. There are members in this chamber who have had the sorts of computer hacks and leaks of private information going out to the public, and we can all share those concerns around data integrity.

Thankfully, the former minister chose to keep the motor vehicle registry in public hands and I commend him for that decision. We do have a new Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and I come back to the issue of the Prospect Service SA centre, because it appears the future of the Prospect Service SA centre may still be in doubt. My volunteers and I have spent many hours at the Northpark Shopping Centre collecting signatures on petitions and it continues to be an issue in our area.

The committee report contained information that in the 2018-19 financial year Prospect Service SA conducted more than 170,000 transactions and retains its place as the third busiest centre in South Australia. Although the government claimed it listened to the people of South Australia when it announced it would not be proceeding with the closure of the Service SA centres, it took them a very long time before the concerns our constituents were heard.

Unfortunately, the new minister dropped a bit of a bombshell in estimates when he said there were still considerations on the future of the Prospect Service SA centre. I understand a lease has not been signed to keep it open beyond 31 December this year. I note the owners of Northpark Shopping Centre are still concerned that the Service SA centre property is being marketed as available for lease to new tenants from mid to late this year.

We know the government is not afraid to move Service SA as it did with Adelaide, and the model rolled out in the Adelaide branch has a smaller centre, fewer tellers and less face-to-face assistance, with public PCs and kiosks available to people. In COVID times, it is difficult for people to be sharing keyboards, etc. More importantly, my constituents who use the Prospect Service SA centre are predominantly elderly and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds whose first language is not English. They would struggle to use that technology were it presented to them.

Unfortunately, the minister was not clear in his answers in estimates and he could confirm neither that the Prospect Service SA centre was staying open nor that it would not be reduced in size, so my constituents are unfortunately still left with more questions.

Again, I would like to thank the member for Florey for her hard work in preparing the petition and making sure the committee inquired on the government's decision, and I thank the Legislative Review Committee for their work.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (11:24): I would like to thank those members who have made a contribution: the members for Florey, Waite and Enfield. Thank you kindly for contributing to the

debate. I think that, whilst we are at it, we should also reaffirm our thanks to the member for Florey for bringing about these changes and ensuring that petitions are heard and not just tabled and forgotten about as they may have been in the past. This provides a wonderful forum for these petitions to be heard and investigated.

I would like to make a quick observation, which I present without comment or opinion. Of the three petitions received thus far, the subject of two concluded before the inquiry itself could conclude. I am sure that government members' advocacy behind closed doors had a significant contribution to those outcome, but I am also sure that the pressure put on by the petition being tabled and investigated had some impact as well. Those two inquiries are completed and there is a third that is ongoing surrounding planning law, though some may argue that that inquiry will also outlast the issue itself.

Certainly from where I sit, it seems to me the petitions are having an effect, and it can only be a good thing if the people are being heard in a forum when they sign a petition and try to participate in democracy. With that, thank you very much to the committee, Mr Matt Balfour and Ms Maureen Affleck, as well as those who contributed to the inquiry. I look forward to future petitions coming before the committee.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: NAIRNE INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:28): I move:

That the 127th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Nairne Intersection Upgrade Project, be noted.

It gives me great pleasure to report on this project not just as the Presiding Member of the Public Works Committee but also as the local member. To see this project be fully and properly funded and brought forward is significant. It has been a project that has been needed in our community for more than two decades and this government is delivering it.

The Nairne intersection upgrade project is proposed to realign the Woodside Road and Saleyard Road T-junctions with the Old Princes Highway at Nairne into a four-way single-lane roundabout. The project will improve road safety and traffic efficiency by reducing delays for Woodside Road traffic and cater for future growth in the area. The project will also improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for students at Nairne primary school, which is proximate to the intersection. The project is a government election commitment and is being delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

The Nairne intersection upgrade project includes the following important scope of works: construction, as I earlier mentioned, of a four-way single-lane roundabout, realigning the Woodside Road and Saleyard Road T-junctions with the Old Princes Highway; relocation of the pedestrian actuated push-button crossing on the Old Princes Highway eastern approach to approximately 70 metres east of the roundabout to be constructed; new 2.5 metre wide shared use paths for the extent of the works; the provision of pedestrian fencing to encourage crossing at safe locations; upgraded LED road lighting for the extent of the works—and, Mr Deputy Speaker, you will know, of course, that this is a location that can become very wet and slippery in winter and, from time to time, be enveloped in fog as well. The project includes improved drainage, including new kerb and guttering works, and new asphalt surfacing and line marking for the extent of the new works at this location.

The current approved budget for the project is \$12 million, up from \$5 million, taking into account the scope of works required to see the project through. It is right for me to inform the house that the department took some time to consider what would be the appropriate traffic treatment at this location and, in forming the view that the roundabout would be a better solution, also formed the view that it would be necessary to acquire a number of properties.

We keep well in mind the needs of those property owners who are subject to acquisition, and it is important for me to record that I made very clear to the department the importance of considering the needs of a family who had constructed a home to ensure that it would be suitable for the specific needs of a disabled child. As I understand it, the department has worked to meet the additional and important issues that have arisen as part of the acquisition process.

I am also advised that the titles to the properties that are the subject of acquisition are now in the name of the commissioner. I am advised that there are a number of asbestos issues that will need to be resolved and are being resolved and that demolition will shortly commence, at least for a number of those properties.

Construction is, accordingly, expected to commence during the first quarter of 2021, subject, of course, to the finalisation of those demolition works. It is important for me to observe, too, that we all have a strong expectation that this project be seen through as speedily as possible, but it is also very important for the acquisition process to take its lawful course and for the important, valuable rights of property owners to be respected as part of that process. No works, of course, can commence until acquisition is complete and demolition has also been completed.

The committee examined written and oral evidence in relation to the project and received assurances that the appropriate consultation had been undertaken. The committee is satisfied, having regard to the evidence it received, that the proposal has been subject to appropriate agency consultation and does, importantly, meet 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 1991, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it does recommend the proposed scope of the public works that I have described today to the house.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: RENMARK HIGH SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:34): I move:

That the 77th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Renmark High School Redevelopment Project, be noted.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as you will be aware, established in 1925, Renmark High School serves the local Renmark-Paringa communities. The high school requires capital works in order to support the expected future growth and student enrolment numbers, including the transition of year 7 students to high school in 2022. The current school site also has aged relocatable accommodation requiring demolition. The school was allocated funding of \$5 million as part of the Department for Education's capital works program.

The proposed scope of the high school redevelopment project includes a major refurbishment extending to the existing administration complex, refurbishment of the existing student services facility to create a new student services office, a librarian office and library reception desk, refurbishment of the existing administration facilities to create new creative teaching spaces and offices and refurbishment of the existing office facility overall.

The scope of works will also include services upgrades to existing buildings, such as new air conditioning, lighting, ceiling replacement and landscaping to the school entry area, ancillary to the works that are being undertaken overall. When complete, the Renmark High School redevelopment project will accommodate 680 students, including year 7 students, as earlier observed. The Renmark High School redevelopment project will be staged, with construction expected to be completed by June 2021.

The committee examined written evidence in relation to the project and received assurances that the appropriate consultation in relation to this project had been undertaken. The committee is satisfied that the project does meet the criteria for the examination of projects as described in the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991. Having regard to the evidence considered and pursuant to section 12C of the act earlier mentioned, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it does recommend the proposed scope of public works I have described.

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (11:36): I would like to rise to make a small contribution. Renmark High School is one of the high schools in the Riverland, and I am very, very proud that one of my children attended there for a couple of years before heading down to Adelaide to finish his schooling career. Renmark High School is a very proud school located close to the banks of the beautiful River Murray. It has students from very diverse cultural backgrounds and walks of life and they have been very well regarded in terms of their academic and sporting achievements.

Over time, I have been very proud to be a part of that school community, whether it is helping to coach sporting teams or whether it is giving support to athletics. In 2019, I was proud to be invited to officially open the new state-of-the-art STEM facility. I thank the Minister for Education for asking me to do that because it gave me an opportunity to reconnect with that school and continue to foster the good relationship with the principal, Mat Evans. I think Mat is doing an outstanding job.

We must acknowledge the Marshall Liberal government for its foresight and its support for all of the education system in South Australia and, importantly, the regions. The regions have been reborn within education, to see the upgrades of our schools through different programs, not only the STEM facility but all the upgrades, the opportunities that the schools now have with a government that is looking to govern for all of the education system right around the state.

The new development is a \$5 million upgrade, with 26 trades involved, and it comes with a lot of beautification upgrades, whether it be fixtures and fittings, and the school is very much appreciative. It gives them the opportunity not only to put some beautification in there but to give a little more ownership of that school to the students and make it a better learning institution. The school is obviously getting ready for the transition of year 7 into high school by 2022, and everyone is on board. There are a number of schools in the Renmark area, approximately six schools, that feed into Renmark High School.

The new student services reception and offices, the creative learning classrooms, the counselling offices and the breakout spaces are part of the upgrade. Minister Gardner and I have visited Renmark High School to have a look at those upgrades. The teachers, the students and the Renmark community are very proud of the school. It is one of the great learning beacons in the area.

The refurbishment of the home economics classroom and the physical education offices, the new mechanical extraction system in the tech studies area, the replacement of air conditioning in a number of the buildings and asbestos removal are all part of upgrading some of the ageing infrastructure. This is a clear indication of the government's commitment to the long-term future of our regional schools and education.

I thank the school community as a whole for their patience and flexibility. I thank the minister for his foresight in supporting Renmark High School and I wish all the students a good learning year, particularly in these uncertain times.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (11:41): It is a great pleasure to be able to talk about the project that is underway at Renmark High School. I am very much looking forward to visiting Renmark, and hope that I will have the opportunity later this year, hopefully in term 3, to join the member for Chaffey to formally open these fantastic new facilities, which I know the member has been calling for since his election in 2010, which was the same time as my election.

I remember his interest at that time, and for a number of years he has been pushing for it. We were grateful when the former government had this school on the list of schools that had that initial influx of capital works money in 2017. Since then, we have substantially added to that list, but this is a project that was clearly very much needed and we are pleased to be delivering it. I commend the staff at Renmark High School and the school governing council, which the member for Chaffey and I were very pleased to engage with when we were there in July, and I know he does so on a regular basis. They were very excited about the enhancements, the improvements.

One of the key things that I recall a number of teachers and students reflected on was the entrance to the school, which is currently in a state that does not show the school necessarily in its best light to people who are coming in. The way the new entrance is going to be shifted, designed and landscaped is really going to show off the pride in public education that the people in Renmark and the Riverland have in that school and really show off the school in its best light.

The students we engaged with were optimistic about their future. Great teaching and learning go on at this school, and the enhancement to the facilities will make that work easier. To principal Mathew Evans, to Brett Julian Architect and to the builder, Big River Developments, thank you for that work that is being undertaken.

I will not go through all the details of the building works—I think the casual reader of *Hansard* is welcome to go through the member for Chaffey's remarks, which I was listening to and which were an outstanding summary; I am sure the member for Kavel's were as well—other than to say that I

am really pleased that this work is underway. It is part of the Marshall Liberal government's \$1.3 billion work in the infrastructure in schools space. It is providing lots of jobs and enhancing educational facilities around South Australia. When this work is complete, the confidence the people of Renmark have in this school will only be enhanced.

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:44): I acknowledge and thank the member for Chaffey and also the minister, the member for Morialta, for their contribution. The member for Chaffey has been a passionate and determined advocate for this school community for many, many years—in fact, since before his election. It is right to observe that his son was at the school for a time, that he was coaching, that he has strong interests in athletics and other community sports, and that he has built a very important and lasting connection to this school community.

Now as the member for Chaffey, he has been able to bring to bear his good knowledge and judgement in relation to the school's needs and to see through not only a STEM upgrade but the works that, in the course of the remarks this morning, we have described to the house. I know that he has been working very closely with the school governing council and the principal, Mat Evans. It is right to acknowledge their passion and commitment for their school community and their detailed and effective advocacy in ensuring that the needs of the school community have been met, as demonstrated by the public works that are now being committed to and seen through by the minister.

Can I emphasise, too, and amplify the remarks of the member for Chaffey in relation to this government's commitment to public education in the regions. A school community is an essential part of a wider country community. It is not the only institution in country communities, but a school is an incredibly valuable institution.

Well outside the scope of education, that institution helps bind that community together and provides a meeting place and a place for community to build and for community sport. Of course, at times of crisis, it is a place to meet as well—for instance, in the course of bushfires or at times of other need. When there are visiting government agencies and other needs to bring communities together, it is often the school hall or school facilities that are used to ensure that can take place.

I want to place on record my thanks as Presiding Member of the Public Works Committee to the member for Chaffey for his commitment to seeing this project through and his commitment to his community more widely. I also acknowledge the vision, passion and commitment of the minister, who has had an extraordinary task in the life of this parliament to see through a very substantial capital works program for public education in South Australia. We are very appreciative.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:47): I move:

That the 78th report of the committee for the Fifty-Fourth Parliament, entitled Wirreanda Secondary School Redevelopment Project, be noted.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as you would be aware, Wirreanda Secondary School is located on Richards Drive, Morphett Vale, in the City of Onkaparinga. The school was selected as a pilot school offering year 7 in high school in 2020. In consequence, the school now provides for years 7 to 12 and runs a number of programs, including specialist sports, special options, the Wirreanda Adaptive Vocational Education (WAVE) program, a specialist program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students and vocational education and training, and it is linked to the Science and Maths Academy at Flinders.

The proposed redevelopment of Wirreanda Secondary School will provide sufficient capacity to accommodate 1,300 students. That scope for future enrolment is expected to cater for enrolment growth, which includes the transition of year 7 into high school, as I have earlier mentioned.

The proposed scope of the redevelopment works includes refurbishment of existing facilities and new construction as well as demolition of aged transportable buildings and landscaping works. The total project funding for the redevelopment is \$11.46 million. Construction of the Wirreanda Secondary School project is expected to be complete by October 2021.

The committee examined written evidence in relation to this project and received assurances that the appropriate agency consultation had been undertaken. The committee is satisfied in

consequence that the proposal 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 1991, the Public Works Committee reports to parliament that it recommends the scope of the proposed public works that I have described to the house.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (11:49): I would like to speak in support of the project from the Public Works Committee for Wirreanda Secondary School, which currently sits in the electorate of Hurtle Vale. Moving forward, it will serve the electorate of Hurtle Vale on the boundaries, but it will sit just outside. It flicks around a little bit.

I have had a good connection with Wirreanda Secondary School for a long time. It is very ably led by an amazing principal, Caroline Fishpool, who is a no-nonsense, highly connected and very intuitive principal for a school that has quite a diverse community. There is a reasonably high percentage of young people at the school who have increased needs, and young people from Aboriginal background. Caroline Fishpool, along with chair Colin Jevons, who I think will be re-elected as chair; he certainly has signed up for another two years on the governing council—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Tell us more.

Ms COOK: Yes, I would hope that he continues in that role, because they are a formidable team of advocacy and very connected to the community. This project, which now totals more than \$11 million, originally had \$9 million committed in 2017 under Building Better Schools. It has had a little bit of additional funding put into it, and the school and the community are very grateful to the government and the education minister for doing that. This project backs onto a beautiful project in the STEM space that was completed and opened. I attended the opening with the education minister probably the year before last now—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: June 2019.

Ms COOK: —yes, 2019—to see a really open, light and innovative space that is being used wonderfully well by the school.

I have every confidence, given this large amount of money, in the vision around the upgrade to entrances, for getting rid of transportable classrooms that are outdated and uncomfortable, and for providing a wonderful upgrade to the gym so that we can see some additional offerings in terms of the performing arts opportunities from a school that has such an enormously talented bunch of students. They are very creative. I always enjoy going to their performing arts shows and end-of-year functions and seeing what the school offers.

Wirreanda has had a long history as a specialist sports school. Of course, it is not that long ago, because I was only a teenager of course—so it is very recent—that they were highly competitive in netball, football and other team sports, and that continues. Their sports days are outstanding. I wanted to speak not just in support of the project but about the school itself, which is growing. It has tipped the 1,000 student mark and is anticipated to tip up to the 1,200 student mark. That is probably their sweet spot in terms of their growth, and I look forward to continuing the relationship with the school.

Again, I thank the principal, Caroline Fishpool, and the governing council chair (perhaps in the future as well), Colin Jevons. We await the election in the democratic way. I thank all involved in the planning and support of this project, including the government. I look forward to seeing it evolve over the next 12 months.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (11:53): It is a real pleasure to be able to speak about the building works underway at Wirreanda Secondary School and the other works that have been underway for some time in terms of some of their other projects. Particularly, as one of our pilot sites for bringing year 7 into high school a couple of years before the rest of the state, and for some of the lessons that we have learnt from Wirreanda, the innovations that have been undertaken there have been terrific.

I do not think I have ever heard a speech by the member for Hurtle Vale with which I have agreed so much, so I just commend the member for Hurtle Vale for that outstanding contribution—definitely at the peak of her list today—and I also thank the member for Kavel who summarised the work on the Public Works Committee in an outstanding way. I make no reflection on the governing

council arrangements there which, from the sounds of things, there may be things that the member for Hurtle Vale knows that I do not. Other than that, I endorse every single thing she said.

Wiltshire Swain are the architects. The builders are FDC Construction and Fitout. As the member for Hurtle Vale and the member for Kavel identified, it is an \$11.5 million commitment. The former government put forward some of that money. The current government has enhanced that offering so that the capacity of the school will be built to 1,300. Indeed, the year 7s are already on site at Wirreanda, and every piece of feedback I have had is that that has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for those students, for those families and for the school community.

The work that is done at Wirreanda in the teaching and learning space is exemplary. I commend Caroline Fishpool and her team for doing that. Caroline, I am sure, will not mind me saying that it is being enhanced as a result of the year 7 project, as this is one of the schools where we have already identified a number of experienced primary school teachers who had an interest in working in a secondary school going forward as a result of the move of year 7 to high school.

Every year around South Australia we have retirements and we have 1,000 new teachers needed, and we have population growth. Next year, that increases substantially with the move of year 7 into high school, because the high school effectively has a lower teacher-to-student ratio spread across the school as we have more specialist teachers.

There is a big intake of teachers coming next year, and we are eager for a number of those to be former primary school teachers, not just to satisfy the requirements of the number of teachers in each school—that will resolve itself, I am confident, reasonably easily—but also because primary school teachers, while they need to develop the specialisation to teach in a high school, bring with them an understanding of the needs of 12, 13 and 14 year olds, which enhances the junior secondary offering in the high school context.

Across our high schools around South Australia, there is some significant professional development work being done from both directions, ensuring that we are giving those primary school teachers who want to move to the depth and understanding of teaching a specialist subject in high school. Many of them, of course, are people who are able to find the thing that they were passionate about before they became a primary school teacher and then go into that.

It could be that they were a history major before they did a teaching degree and now they can become a history teacher. It could be, as was the teacher I met at Wirreanda, somebody who loved teaching art. Although they could do that at bit in primary school, now they are at Wirreanda—I think I have the right person—they are a specialist arts teacher and loving it, but they bring the experience and understanding of teaching in a primary school setting to people at the junior secondary year levels. That is one body of work.

The second body of work we are doing is to ensure that people whose background is entirely high school, whether it is principals or teachers in certain areas, have an understanding of the dispositions of a junior secondary student as well. The year 7 project has really inspired the system to enhance that junior secondary offering. That will be great for the year 7s, who will have the benefits of us understanding the way that they think and the way that they act as well as them being able to do specialist subjects.

It is also going to have massive flow-on benefits for the year 8s and 9s, who will benefit from the extra expertise in the junior secondary mindset of teachers across our high schools. That is a really positive outcome, and it is certainly something that has been drilled home to me in the number of times I have engaged with the teaching staff at Wirreanda Secondary School. Caroline and her team welcomed the former primary school teachers who are with them, as I am sure high schools around South Australia will welcome the primary school teachers who will be joining their ranks shortly.

Time is short, so I will leave it there, other than to say I cannot wait to see this work completed. I do not want to jinx it, but I can inform the house that at this moment in time this project is running well ahead of schedule. We hope that, although the promised completion date is the end of October, we may well have some of these buildings ready to use in term 3. That is not a promise but an aspiration, but it is one I hope will come true.

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (11:58): I acknowledge and thank the member for Hurtle Vale and, of course, the minister for their contributions. Also, it is right for me to emphasise the considerable role

of the school community, the school governing council and of course the principal in ensuring that this project can be seen through and ensuring that it meets the ongoing needs of the school community. Of course, the member for Hurtle Vale and the minister have rightly identified Caroline Fishpool and her extraordinary work in ensuring the needs of the school can be met, and Colin Jevons, notwithstanding the election forthcoming for the governing council. We await the outcome and advice further from the member for Hurtle Vale in the respect.

Can I say, too, that it is always pleasing to hear an informed and passionate local member give a strong endorsement of the work that is being undertaken by the government but also to hear specifically that member's deep knowledge and commitment to a school community. We certainly appreciate the member for Hurtle Vale's contribution today. As I have earlier remarked, the minister has seen through an extraordinary scope of work right across the state for public education, and I am very appreciative and proud to have seen that as a member of this government.

Motion carried.

Bills

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

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 3 December 2020.)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (12:00): To be fair, I cannot remember what I was up to, so I will start again. No, I am only kidding.

The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan: You were winding up.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I was winding up, was I? Yes, I have to say I have a bit of sympathy for the minister today. He has had a bad day. He knows what I am talking about.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens!

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I am being jovial, sir.

The SPEAKER: I am advised the Minister for Energy and Mining is on his feet and closing debate.

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

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Energy and Mining has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (12:01): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and it is a pleasure to continue the fantastic day that I am having today by closing this debate. There was an issue raised by the member last time around with regard to not having had a briefing. I am reliably informed by my staff that a briefing was offered but the offer was not responded to, but I am equally reliably informed that immediately upon finishing the last stage of this debate before Christmas my staff member, my adviser and the shadow minister were able to meet together then.

If there are any issues that the member still has which are concerning him with regard to this bill, we are always ready, willing and able to talk about them. This was a COAG initiative. It is true to say that it is somewhat surprising that the COAG Energy Council, as it was at the time, agreed to do something which, if enacted here there or the other, would actually reduce minutely the size of the NEM.

Nonetheless, this has been done very much with consumers in mind. This is about giving distribution companies the opportunity to provide for reliable, good quality electricity to consumers in a way that is cheaper than they would be able to do if they did not have this capacity and if they were required to stay officially part of the NEM rather than set up a standalone energy system for that group of providers.

I am happy to leave it there. I think this is a sensible step forward. It is a modern step forward. It is using some of the tools and the powers that we have available to us now, some of which were

not available two years ago, certainly not four, six, eight, etc. It is part of an ongoing evolution. It is very much about trying to make sure that those who operate their various parts of the energy system have the flexibility to deliver, with consumers front of mind, the best things that consumers could want rather than require them to stick with what was only available not too long ago. This is all about consumers.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (12:05): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (12:05): I do thank the government for their briefing. Without wanting to bring any partisanship into this debate, I do not think I said I had not been offered a briefing; I just said I had not had a briefing, which is very different. Yes, I was offered a briefing, but my schedule did not allow me to meet at that time. Of course, we facilitated the government as quickly as we possibly could, given that this is a national reform. I understand that. The opposition is not trying to hold up these national reforms. As we always have, we will allow it to have a speedy passage through both houses. If we have any questions to raise between the houses, we will do so with the government.

Bill read a third time and passed.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO) BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 11 November 2020.)

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (12:06): I rise to speak on the Statutes Amendment (Transport Portfolio) Bill 2020 and indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition on this bill. I indicate from the outset that we are inclined, as an opposition, to support the entirety of this bill and its passage through this house because these are largely good measures and in no small part because many of these measures have been on the table for quite some time now. We need to see their speedy passage, I think.

I will go through some of them, and I will be brief. I do not intend to delay the house. I know there are other speakers, and I know we want to get this through today, if possible. As I said, many of these are very sensible measures, the first of which is to extend the blood alcohol concentration presumptive period from two to three hours. For those who do not know, the process is that there is an initial breath analysis—this is alcohol testing—that gives an indication of the blood alcohol concentration. It is not a comprehensive test; it simply gives an indication and enables the police to present that person for proper blood testing.

At the moment, after two hours have elapsed between the breath test and the blood test, there is a rather complicated process by which they back calculate what would have been the blood alcohol content at the time of the stop. I believe the government when they present evidence to us that after three hours that blood alcohol concentration is negligibly different from the two-hour period.

I also believe them when they say that almost 30 per cent of Forensic Science SA's work in this area is related to that third hour, so I think this is a very good efficiency measure, particularly for forensic services, rather than for SAPOL. I think they are under the pump; they probably could do with a bit more funding. I think this is a very good measure in terms of getting more drunk drivers off the road ultimately, which is what we all want.

The second is related to this, and that is to restrict what I am told is the only place in Australia where there is a post-incident consumption defence. This essentially applies if you are in an incident of some sort and you are deemed to have been driving under the influence and some sort of testing takes place. If the person can introduce the doubt in the police officer's mind that perhaps he or she had been drinking a considerable amount of alcohol in between those two points, then there would be a defence to the involvement of alcohol in the initial incident.

This is the only place in Australia where this defence exists. I did not explain it very well to the lawyer, to my learned friend in front of me, but I think it is a very good change. It is a nonsense defence. It is an easy loophole to get into, I think, if you are a seasoned criminal, and I am glad to see the back of it.

Similarly, the use of de-identified blood and oral fluid in non-identifiable research is a really good idea. We have seen over the COVID period a move away from meth towards other synthetic types of drugs, and the statistics are very complicated. By wastewater analysis, we do know, of course, that South Australia has the highest use of meth in Australia despite COVID, but we have seen a move to other synthetic drugs.

This weekend we saw SAPOL do a blitz. Of course, I support that blitz. They found that nearly 10 per cent of drivers tested had either cannabis or methamphetamine in their system. Ten per cent on a random test is a very high incidence when you consider that meth use by any measure is falling across the nation because of COVID.

Clearly, if we consider those two things, we must realise that an awful lot of those drivers who were tested and who did not show signs of using cannabis or methamphetamine must statistically have had in their system any number of synthetic drugs. Drug manufacturing is a very swiftly changing field, so any research we can do to get on top of those things quickly and get more drug drivers off the road is something to be commended.

Similarly, there is enabling nurses to take blood samples. Before this legislation was brought before us, I was not aware that nurses could not, in some instances, take blood. I am happy that that is the case, and we will perhaps go through a little bit of that in the committee stage. It is an obvious efficiency measure and, again, it would enable Forensic Science SA, SAPOL and those people who police the Harbours and Navigation Act and those types of things to do their work much more quickly.

There are, of course, other fairly administrative changes. Enabling parking fees to be paid by smart phone, for instance, is an excellent initiative—I cannot believe we need to legislate to do that, but apparently we do—and then we get to some measures that perhaps the government should have moved on earlier.

I know there are other speakers on this, so I will not dwell on this matter for too long, but the first matter of course is the control of the display of offensive materials on certain vehicles. We are all aware of these offensive and disgusting displays. We are talking about Wicked Campers mostly. I do not care that we name them. Up to this point, they have been free to drive around the streets in broad daylight. When we are taking our kids to school, we see these offensive, degrading to women, messages and images.

I know that the member for Reynell has long been trying to move legislation. We have legislation in this place. I will not dwell on that, of course, but she has been trying to convince the government to move on this for a very long time. I will let her speak further on this, but I am very glad that finally the government has seen the light on this measure. I will let her speak about whether it goes far enough.

Then we come to drug test screening. In May 2018, my very first public act as the shadow minister for police and road safety was to introduce a bill to allow police to search vehicles of persons who have tested positive to a roadside drug test for drugs, which the Road Traffic Act currently prohibits. Unbelievably, the Road Traffic Act prohibits this at the moment. It is very specific about what acts a positive roadside drug test can provide evidence for.

The change that I wanted to make was simply to extend it to the Controlled Substances Act, which would have the effect of allowing police to have both the authority to search for drugs when someone tests positive on a roadside drug test and also to use that initial test—both the breath test and the blood test—as evidence for other offending against the Controlled Substances Act.

I introduced that bill in May 2018. At the time, the transport minister was, of course, the police minister. I believe he spoke against it at the time saying that it was unnecessary. Perhaps more importantly, the Attorney-General, who considers herself the state's premier legal mind, spoke against it in this place saying it was unnecessary. We fast-forward nearly three years and we have a bill before us which, in its last clause, exactly duplicates that bill from May 2018.

It is a double-edged sword. I am pleased that the government has finally seen the light. We have been saying this since May 2018. In fact, we have been saying it longer than that. There was a bill in the previous parliament which failed. We have been saying it and the police have been saying it. The police commissioner is on record. There is a letter to the Budget and Finance Committee in 2019 where the police commissioner makes no bones about it that he is for this measure, and that is why, presumably, we see it included in this bill at this very late stage.

As I said, we are inclined to support this bill, not least because it reflects many of the measures we have been talking about for a very long time now, and I will not stand in the way of its progress any longer.

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (12:15): I, too, rise today to speak about particular aspects of the Statutes Amendment (Transport Portfolio) Bill, aspects detailed at clause 22 which relate to the power of the registrar in relation to offensive material displayed on motor vehicles. I am absolutely sure that it is not surprising to many people in this place, nor to many people in our community who have campaigned so hard with me for around two years and three months to rid our roads of the deeply offensive slogans on Wicked Campers vehicles, that I speak about this aspect of the bill before us today.

In speaking today, I register my extreme disappointment that it has taken so long to get to where we are today. The belligerence and petty politics that has underpinned the delay in getting this bill—that I originally introduced to this house—passed has meant that community members have had to put up with this unacceptable filth on our roads. The clauses in this bill before us today in relation to the Registrar's powers to refuse to register or deregister vehicles with slogans which ad standards deem offensive are almost identical, other than one small change which I will come back to, to the clauses in the bill I introduced on two occasions, and there is no excuse, no reason for not passing those original bills.

As I have previously raised in this house many times, Wicked Campers is a national company that rents campervans to backpackers and other tourists and to local people. They are, unfortunately, renowned for their vile and deliberately offensive slogans. The slogans promote disrespect and violence towards women, sexism, racism, homophobia and paedophilia. They demean and objectify women in gender fear and are deeply distressing.

Campaigning against these slogans began when a courageous 11-year-old girl offended by a Wicked Campers slogan that referred to girls as 'sluts', initiated a petition that attracted 126,000 signatures. This and Collective Shout's campaigning prompted Queensland, the ACT and Tasmania, as well as local councils to ban them from their respective jurisdictions. Since then, other councils and music festivals, as well as other jurisdictions have moved to ban them.

On 14 November 2018, I introduced a bill, as mentioned, almost identical to the one before us today to ban these slogans from our roads. After the government prorogued the parliament, 16 months after I originally introduced the Motor Vehicle (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill, I reintroduced it at the beginning of last year.

However, the government dragged its heels, adjourning my original bill around 20 times instead of supporting this sensible reform in a timely and bipartisan manner. The then minister, the member for Schubert, told us it was all in hand and that he was leading a national solution. He talked up a big game in the media, and at the transport ministers meeting here in Adelaide in August 2019 he said, and I quote:

We want to make sure that we close down these loopholes, stop the scourge of these offensive advertising and materials on the sides of these campervans...

Unfortunately, this was not acted upon. It was all platitudes and it was simply not true that a national approach was needed. We needed to take action here in this state. This inaction came despite several highly respected domestic violence services, women's organisations, church groups, advocates and many fed up South Australians calling again and again on this government to act. Worse still, I am informed by those who work in those organisations that South Australia, as a result of these delays, is now the destination of choice to register these vehicles after other jurisdictions banned them ahead of us.

Appallingly, people in my own community in Southern Adelaide, after I personally continued to speak in the media and in this place about these horrendous slogans, were subject to them being

driven around the Reynell electorate relentlessly. They were spotted in Port Noarlunga, Morphett Vale and along our mid coast. So, here we are, more than two years later, and registration of vehicles with these horrendous slogans is still legal and still befouling South Australian roads. Still these vile vans can turn up at our caravan parks, tourist spots and beaches any time with their tawdry, hateful, awful messages.

Our community is continuing to struggle to confront and end disrespect and violence towards women. It is persistent, it is pervasive and it must be called out wherever and whenever it occurs, and every action possible to end it should be taken in a timely manner. Being serious about preventing and ending disrespect and violence towards women means taking timely action. This government's lack of timely action shows the lack of seriousness with which they treat these issues.

The action they could have taken in this case was so incredibly straightforward: they had a bill presented to the parliament on multiple occasions; they had opportunities to pass it. The bill they have presented now is almost identical, other than the inclusion of a clause that appears to exempt vehicles with offensive election material, a clause we will explore in committee. Why on earth did this government not act to get rid of slogans such as, 'A wife: an attachment you screw on the bed to get the housework done,' or the sinister quote, 'I can already imagine the gaffer tape on your mouth'?

Instead of acting, instead of doing the right thing and acting with bipartisanship, they did not prioritise ending that which disrespects and promotes violence against women. They chose to play petty politics and, in the meantime, South Australian children, individuals and families continue to put up with these vans sullyng our roads, our caravan parks and our holiday destinations. These slogans and their accompanying imagery go way beyond what is acceptable. They are utterly offensive by anyone's standards, and it is offensive that this government refused, for more than two years, to do anything whatsoever about them.

It is also offensive that in March last year, when reintroducing the bill and urging those opposite to step up and act to help rid our roads of that which promotes disrespect and violence against women, that I was chastised in this place for repeating the disgusting slogans in here. If they were not good enough to be repeated in here almost a year ago, why did this government enable them to continue to remain on our roads? Again, their lack of action speaks to a complete misunderstanding of the root cause of violence against women, and a complete lack of priority to end it.

Today, those opposite have finally taken Labor's bill and inserted it into this bill. This bill, as did our bill, will expand the powers of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to take action against a registered vehicle owner. This is done when the registrar is notified by Ad Standards, formerly the Advertising Standards Bureau, that a complaint has been upheld in relation to a vehicle having offensive slogans and/or images advertised upon it. The bill will hopefully mean that those offensive vans cannot be registered here in South Australia, and can also be deregistered.

I wholeheartedly thank Collective Shout for their relentless work towards this moment, together with the YWCA; WIMDOI; the Women's Safety Services South Australia; the Women's Legal Service; all of the member organisations in the Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services, now Embolden; Michael O'Connell; the ACL; Soroptimist International; Zonta International; the National Council of Women of South Australia; and so many others for their relentless campaigning on this and for acting to end violence against women.

As community leaders it is always incumbent on every one of us in this place to speak out and act against offensive material that absolutely does not accord with community standards and offends, and to always do whatever we can, whatever is within our sphere of influence to end disrespect and violence against women.

While I welcome the final introduction of this bill and moving forward on this issue, I will remain utterly disappointed about why on earth it has taken so long, and why petty politics would be played on such an important issue. South Australian women and girls deserve better, as does our wider community. This government should have passed Labor's bill in November 2018 and kept this filth off our roads.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (12:26): I would like to thank the members for their contribution to this. It has been a big body of work and a period in the making. I note that the member for Elizabeth

raised the fact that a number of these elements were looked at by the previous government in its 16-year reign and they did not pass—in fact, I think his term was they failed to pass when the previous government was in power.

We are here today getting on with this job. Again, I note the interest the member for Elizabeth had in a certain element of this bill. There are a number of elements that we were keen to wrap up in the Statutes Amendments (Transport Portfolio) Bill 2020, to make this a better bill and make it better for South Australia. His point was one that we have been working on, and he has had a keen interest in it, which is around the ability to give police the powers to search a vehicle when there has been a positive drugs test.

I would like to make a couple of points on that. When the member for Elizabeth spoke on this before he indicated a conclusiveness for his wont for a positive test to be an automatic search. When discussing this with the police commissioner that is not what he wanted, and that is why we have made sure we have worked through this to land at this point.

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The member for Elizabeth says that it is the same as what he has put forward, which is right, yet publicly he has been saying that he wanted a conclusive power, and that was not where we wanted to be. We have worked with the police commissioner and we are here today to deliver this for the people of South Australia. We are glad to do this. I stress the point to both members on the other side: 16 years and you failed to do this, and now we are here delivering for the people of South Australia.

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The member for Reynell may laugh and think this is not a serious matter. On the one hand she is saying it is serious and here we are delivering and she is—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Are you looking for more factual facts, member for Reynell, because I know that is what you have been on—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —as opposed to the Labor facts that you like to roll out. We will deliver you some more factual facts as we deliver more for the people.

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Reynell will cease interjecting. The minister might resume his seat for a moment.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my right!

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

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

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right! When the interjections cease, the minister will resume his remarks in closing the debate. I remind members that there will be an opportunity to explore these questions should the house go into committee shortly. The minister has the call and he is entitled to be heard in silence. The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, sir, and I appreciate your protection. Just to outline that point, we are very keen again to progress this and be delivering this bill after 16 years of inaction.

I just want to go over those points I was making about the drug test screening and working with police on this. I reiterate the point that the current search powers in the Road Traffic Act are not defective; however, there is no power in the Road Traffic Act to rely on the results of a drug screening to undertake a search in order to enforce an offence against the Controlled Substances Act.

If passed, this amendment will not provide an automatic authority for a police officer to search the person or their motor vehicle when they return a positive roadside drug screening test, as I have suggested the member for Elizabeth has indicated through the media. Instead, the amendment will allow the results of the test to be used as an additional factor in forming reasonable suspicion, and therefore the power to search the person or their vehicle in relation to an offence against the Controlled Substances Act. I think we are landing in a really good place, and I look forward to the opposition's support on progressing the bill.

As for the member for Reynell, again I thank her for her contribution. I think where we are landing with this is a very positive thing. I picked this up from the previous minister, who did some very good work to make sure there was a national approach. We were in the situation where, I am informed, if there was no national approach and we put these laws in place, and let's say Victoria did not put these laws in place, then those vehicles would be free to drive over into South Australia and we would still have the same outcome that we are trying to prevent. By having a national approach, by having everyone agree to this—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell will cease interjecting. The member for Reynell is warned. The minister is entitled to be heard in silence.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you for your protection, sir, because we are here trying to get on with this and deliver what we think is the right thing for the people of South Australia. I was just outlining the work at the national level.

I appreciate the good work of the minister prior to me, who did that good body of work at the national level to get everyone on the same page so that laws would be put in place across every state and jurisdiction to close the loophole that could have been created by one state doing it and one state not. Vehicles could be registered in the state without this legislation and travel across borders into other states, therefore nullifying the outcome we are looking for here.

When you have to get all the states together, when you have to get national agreement, when you have put it on the table in that forum, it can take a little bit of time. We would all love to be able to snap our fingers and have things done yesterday, I totally agree with that, but getting it done right is really important. I commend the previous minister for doing that.

We are here today delivering this bill in our first term of government. I note that after 16 years Labor did nothing about this, but we are here delivering it to the people of South Australia. With that, I commend the bill to the house and look forward to moving this very efficiently and quickly through the committee stage so that we can deliver this for the people of South Australia and get a really good outcome for everyone.

Bill read a second time.

Committee Stage

In committee.

Clause 1.

Mr ODENWALDER: By way of preliminary comments, I do not intend to delay this bill at all; I cannot speak for anyone else here, but I do not intend to unnecessarily delay this bill. These are important measures and I think we have canvassed them publicly quite well. I do have a couple of questions on clause 1. I believe the member for Reynell has a couple of questions on clause 1.

In fact, my first question on clause 1 is simply to clarify something. I understand the changes this bill is making to the Road Traffic Act in terms of the blood alcohol content and those types of changes to the Road Traffic Act. The bill also makes lengthy references to the Harbors and Navigation Act and to the Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) Act. This is hopefully to expedite the process, but are there any changes in either of those acts that are not the same as the changes that we are making to the Road Traffic Act, if you understand my question?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: So the processes that we are changing in the Road Traffic Act are the same that apply to trains, boats and that sort of thing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Effectively, yes.

Ms HILDYARD: I also seek clarification. I am intrigued by the minister's comments about the need for a national approach, given that we are dealing with state legislation and that each state has to change its legislation in relation to the matters in clause 22 that vehicles with offensive slogans cannot be registered. I am just intrigued to find out a little more about what New South Wales and Western Australia are doing in relation to their state legislation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that New South Wales has just assented some legislation along the lines of the Queensland legislation, which I think people are mirroring off. Again, this is something that was picked up by the previous minister. I am not 100 per cent sure about WA, but I think you mentioned in your speech about all the states coming together and talking about this and having that national approach so that they are all heading in that same direction, which is to circumvent the problem as I outlined before. We want to try to circumvent the problem.

The aim is to have everyone come on board with similar or the same legislation, as I think I outlined before just to be overly clear, because we do not want to have one state that does not change the legislation so that vehicles there can still do what it is that we want to stop them doing and just drive across the country.

As an example, and it may not be a good one, but if vehicles are registered in a state outside South Australia and they are still offensive, as we have been outlining, and that state does not change its laws, they can drive them across to South Australia. Likewise, we do not want South Australia to do that, and that is why we are here today changing this law, making sure that hopefully everyone is in the same camp.

Ms HILDYARD: If the need for a national approach is being held up as a reason for not having previously passed these provisions at the first opportunity in November 2018, and I think that is your proposition—that there was a need for a national approach and that is why it has taken so long—could you please talk a little more about the fact that Queensland, the ACT and Tasmania have already moved legislation that is identical to this, certainly in Queensland's case and very similar to it in the case of Tasmania and the ACT.

Could you explain why their legislation, particularly Queensland's given that it is identical to what was previously proposed by Labor and given that it is identical to what is in this bill, did not need this national approach? Why were they able to move forward and both introduce, pass and have operational this legislation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that Queensland was the original state to adopt this legislation. They kicked it off, for want of a better term, because that is where Wicked Campers are based and that is where the bulk of the campers were coming from. That was then used as a model that has been rolled out across the board.

Ms HILDYARD: I can pick that point up in other ways. What does the minister think about the fact that Wicked Campers and those offensive slogans have been able to be driven around South Australia—including in my community in the south, which is not too far from your own community—for the past two years and three months? How does the minister respond to the fact that they could have been stopped here in South Australia, whether there was a national approach in place or not? They could have been stopped from being driven around here in South Australia two years and three months ago; what is your response to that?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We have a bill before the house that we are debating right now. I would like to see it moved through as quickly as possible.

Clause passed.

Clauses 2 to 15 passed.

Clause 16.

Mr ODENWALDER: Given what the minister said about the other acts that this bill will change, I have skipped through all the references to blood tests and so on, and nurses versus medical practitioners, etc., and come straight to clause 16. This makes reference to complaints and information. The way that police used to operate was that charges were laid either on a complaint or an information, depending on how important or whether it was an indictable or summary offence and which court would initially hear it and so on.

It is lucky the police minister is here because he can furnish us with this wisdom. That, I understand, has changed in recent years so that all charges are now laid on information, for efficiency I imagine. Can the minister first of all tell us when that change was made in SAPOL policy?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed there was a change to the Criminal Procedure Act, but I do not have the detail of the date, so I am happy to take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: My next question follows from that then. Given this change—and I appreciate you do not know exactly when this change happened, but presumably it was a while ago; I cannot remember the bill coming through the house, so it must have been quite a while ago—and that we are only changing this reference in the act now, have there been any prosecutions or charges that have failed as a result of the confusion over a complaint or an information on which the charge is laid, if you understand the question?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that potentially what you are referring to is just the ability for parliamentary counsel to take into consideration that there are the two forms and they overlay now, if you like. So, relatively, I think this is an opportunity for parliamentary counsel to tidy that up.

Mr ODENWALDER: As a point of clarification, no prosecutions have fallen over as a result of any confusion over whether the charge was laid on a complaint or an information in the interim?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not to my knowledge, and I am told theoretically that should not happen because the courts can intersperse, if you like, the forms.

Clause passed.

Clauses 17 and 18 passed.

Clause 19.

Mr ODENWALDER: This clause is about making suspensions equivalent to disqualifications, in terms of the period during which a person can hold either a learner's permit or, later on in clause 24, a provisional permit, etc. Just to put it beyond doubt, what this clause is saying is that, just like a disqualification, if your licence is suspended while you are on some provisional or learner's permit, that learner's permit or provisional permit is extended by that period of time for which the suspension stands; is that right? This is just for clarification.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The short answer is yes, but can I also take the opportunity to thank you. It was remiss of me not to thank you for expeditiously passing through the other key amendments that we have to extend the blood alcohol concentration presumptive period from two to three hours, to restrict the post-incident consumption defence and to enable nurses to take the blood samples. That is very, very good of you. The way you have outlined that, regarding the suspensions and disqualifications, is correct.

Mr ODENWALDER: This is going to be a stupid question, but does this currently apply to motorbike licences too?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Clause passed.

Clauses 20 and 21 passed.

Clause 22.

Ms HILDYARD: Firstly, generally in relation to the clause as a whole, I am curious as to whether the minister has considered any penalties for companies who repeatedly are in breach of ad standards and, as a consequence, are repeatedly either having vehicles deregistered or having the registrar refuse to register their vehicles.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As we have outlined with this, the principle here was to follow the legislation that is in place in Queensland, which you have referred to as being the precursor to this. That is what everybody has done, and the penalty of deregistering the vehicle was seen as a sufficient enough penalty; I am led to believe that the vehicle cannot be reregistered, so that is a fairly significant penalty. We have followed that Queensland legislation, as was discussed, and, I am told, agreed to nationally.

Ms HILDYARD: Regarding clause 22(7), could you please elaborate on what you would envisage the electoral advertisements might contain that would not be subject to this particular clause? I am trying to understand why that is there and what you are envisaging that will deal with.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am led to believe that this was inserted by parliamentary counsel to comply with the Electoral Commission regulations. The perspective that was put on this was they cannot see why anyone who was to mark up their car for electoral purposes would have anything on there that was untoward unless they were to have the name of their party or something like that. Again, that would be covered under the Electoral Commission regulations as far as I am concerned. For example, if you were to badge up your car at election time and have your name and a slogan or message or something like that on your car, it would not be expected for that to be offensive.

Ms HILDYARD: Just so I understand correctly—and I am really trying to understand the need for this clause, given what you have just said—could you explain why this needs to be in here and also how this clause interacts with the provisions in the Electoral Act? I am specifically talking about the state act.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As has been outlined to me—and the example I can perhaps use—if someone did see your car, as I described before, which had your message on there or whatever else and they were from another political party and thought that was offensive and reported it to Ad Standards, that is not really the essence of what we are trying to do here. It takes out that political argy-bargy, I suppose, and puts it in the realm of the Electoral Act to cover that off. Someone from another political party might see your car and think that is offensive; likewise, if I did it with my car, they might find it offensive, send it to Ad Standards and it would get caught up in this legislation. It is to alleviate that.

Clause passed.

Clauses 23 to 46 passed.

Clause 47.

Mr ODENWALDER: I just want to use this opportunity, since we are now talking about the Road Traffic Act, for the minister to again put on the record the issue of complaints and informations. I want to be absolutely clear on what he is saying. There has been a change from the use of complaints and informations as two separate ways to lay charges. Since some indeterminate point in the last government, charges are all laid on informations. I want to be absolutely clear that, from the time the Criminal Procedures Act was changed in order to lay charges always on informations up to this point, where we are changing the definition in this act, no prosecutions have fallen over because of any confusion about how the charge was laid.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to clarify, as it has been explained to me, for the two forms you outlined, if it was put on the first form, then it would go down that path. If it was put on the other form—if there was a mix up with the forms, I am told the courts just have the ability to then say, 'Well, we will remove that one and put it in on the other form.' From the information I am given, there is nothing that jumps out to say that has caused any problems in the past. Of course, now it is just the one form and the court determines which line it goes down, for want of a better term. So, from the information I am given, there is no knowledge.

I understand the question you are asking and appreciate it, but from the people I have here giving me advice there is nothing that jumps out to say, 'It happened at this time or at this front.' That is mostly because of the fact that the court has the ability to withdraw and then put in the other form if the mistake you are alluding to did take place.

Clause passed.

Clauses 48 to 53 passed.

Clause 54.

Mr ODENWALDER: This refers to the change in the presumptive period from two hours to three hours. I hope that the minister will be flexible enough to apply this to the other two acts to which this applied previously. I wonder if the minister—he may need to take this on notice—could inform the committee what percentage of the total procedures performed were performed within that two-hour window?

We have talked about the procedures occurring after that two-hour window, and 30 per cent of them occur between two to three hours after. I am wondering what the percentage of the total procedures is that have been performed in that first two-hour period. As a percentage, how many have been performed without the need for any back calculation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told that fundamentally it is 30 per cent, as you pointed out. So 70 per cent is the remainder, obviously, so you would suggest that is where it comes from. I am told there are some that can be taken as outliers. Fundamentally, 70 per cent is the figure because the others would be taken as outliers and that is very rare. Equal to that, I am told to actually go back and back calculate the exact figure would take a work through Forensic Science. Given that 30 per cent is outside that, 70 per cent would fundamentally fall inside that. I am advised there could be a very small sliver that falls at the extreme outside.

Mr ODENWALDER: Just to clarify—and I take it you do not have the actual figures and I accept that—it is 70 per cent within the two-hour period and another 30 per cent within the three-hour period. That brings us to 100 per cent, more or less, and then after that three-hour period, very few procedures are done?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is what I am informed. It would be a bit less than 70 per cent, if we were to go away and calculate the figure, but I am told it is very minimally less than 70 per cent, so to speak.

Clause passed.

Clauses 55 to 63 passed.

Clause 64.

Mr ODENWALDER: This is the drug search clause, and hopefully the minister can give me a succinct answer. Whether I agree or not, I understood what he said in his opening remarks about what this clause does, but my simple question remains: whatever the clause does, if it is identical to a clause in a bill which is still in this house, which I understand it would be unparliamentary to refer to, why has it taken so long for this to come to parliament now? If the police are saying they want it, why has it taken so long, given that it is the same?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, for clarity, we have the entire bill here before the house. There are a number of things the police were very keen to move through with this bill and, with your kind indulgence, we have gone through those and you have given them your support, which I do really appreciate. That is all wrapped up in this bill. We are moving it through now and we are very happy to be doing that.

I think the context, as I outlined at the start, was the sentiment that there would be automatic authority from a bill, and that was what was put forward in some media commentary and also in some speeches here in this place. We wanted to seek clarity as part of this whole bill, that we had it in a space that we were very comfortable with. There were a number of elements that we wanted to progress all at once, and we made that very clear all the way through. We introduced it at the end of last year. We are in a great position now here to progress it, and we are very happy to be doing that.

Progress reported; committee to sit again.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.

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The SPEAKER (14:00): Members, I advise I have given permission today for a press photographer to take still photography from the public gallery.

*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)—

Capital City Committee—Annual Report 2019-20

Tandanya National Aboriginal Culture Institute Inc.—Annual Report 2019-20

Urban Renewal Authority (trading as Renewal SA)—Charter 2021

*Question Time***PROJECT ENERGYCONNECT**

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:02): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Did the South Australian government support the ElectraNet and TransGrid rule change submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission relating to the financing of the interconnector?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:02): This is an important issue. Everybody knows what a fantastic project the interconnector will be between South Australia and New South Wales. In fact, those opposite knew how fantastic it would be until we decided to make it our election policy, and then they decided they didn't like it. But I am optimistic.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I am optimistic that they will come on board because they are the only ones left. The Leader of the Opposition asks an important question. What he is referring to is the Australian Energy Market Commission's draft determination in response to TransGrid's request for a greater return to their company if and when the interconnector is built. So let me just make it really clear for the house: this is not—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: If? You said it was going to be built.

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

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Oh, it's off, is it?

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is warned. The Minister for Energy and Mining has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: What on earth is going on over there? I think that it would have been very unlikely that TransGrid would have said to the AEMC, when they asked for the rule change, 'when it's built' because TransGrid was asking for more money, so that would have been quite foolish of TransGrid not to have said 'if and when' it's built.

The reality is that TransGrid put a rule change request so that, in TransGrid's words—and of course I am summarising—if and when the interconnector is built could they have a higher return? Could they have a higher return? Fair enough to ask, right? But the AEMC said, no, they could not have a higher return.

Let me just say again that this is not AEMC making a judgement in this draft determination and the key part of their response to the request for more money on the interconnector. It's actually saying, 'If and when the interconnector is built, we are not going to grant you more money than you would already get under the Australian Energy Regulator's process.' But the AEMC did say this interconnector is really important.

The AEMC also said in their draft determination that, without extra money, the interconnector is already eminently investable. Those opposite can make a fuss if they want to. They can carry on and say, 'If, if, if,' whatever that meant. They want to make it appear as if it's a problem. The AEMC in its draft determination has said that TransGrid cannot have the extra money that TransGrid has asked for. AEMC has said, 'You can have the money that is already part of the natural process that the AER is going through.'

Here we have a fantastic project. It is underway. We have committed money for early works on the South Australian and the New South Wales sides of the border. This is a fantastic project. It is part of the Integrated System Plan that AEMO has put together. All the market authorities believe that this is a very important project. We believe that it is a very important project.

We are already seeing significant decreases in the cost of electricity for all South Australians. We are already seeing a decrease in blackouts. In fact, we have not had one forced load shedding blackout in South Australia since the last election and we are seeing a reduction in emissions as well. When the interconnector is built, that will only make it better for South Australians—lower prices, lower emissions and greater reliability.

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

PROJECT ENERGYCONNECT

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:06): My question is to the Minister for Energy. Can the minister explain to the house how the government's energy policy of supporting Project EnergyConnect will be funded and built as promised at the last election? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right!

The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier will cease interjecting. Leave is sought; is leave granted?

Leave granted.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: At the last election, the Premier claimed an interconnector to New South Wales would be constructed at a cost of \$500 million, only for that cost to blow out to \$1.5 billion and now again to \$2.4 billion. Today, without an AEMC rule change, the project will attract a junk credit rating, as stated by the proponents, TransGrid.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:07): The Leader of the Opposition would not have asked that question if he actually understood how it worked. He would not have asked that question if he understood how it worked.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Let me just go to the end of the explanation that came after the question and deal with that bit first, and then I will come back and give a full explanation of how it actually works. The AEMC has not said anything like the Leader of the Opposition just said.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: TransGrid have.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens! The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I reckon the member for West Torrens would understand as well as anybody else in this house that when TransGrid is putting forward an application to say, 'Can you give us more money if and when we build this thing?' they are very likely to have that supported by comments that say, 'It's not going to be good if you don't give us more money.' As I said in my last answer, they are hardly going to say, 'We need more money than the standard rate of return—and if you say no, we'll build it anyway.' They are hardly going to say that, are they?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: So keep in mind that what the Leader of the Opposition said came from TransGrid. It did not come from the AEMC.

Mr Malinauskas: Which is what I said.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I just asked you to keep it in mind. I didn't say you said it differently. I said to just keep it in mind.

The SPEAKER: The minister will not respond to interjections. The minister has the call.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: It would be dreadful if the two shadow ministers earlier this week did better than the Leader of the Opposition! Anyway, sorry, Mr Speaker, back to the question.

What has it cost taxpayers? We have dealt with this before. The cost of this project is going up, but the net benefit to electricity consumers is also going up. When the project was estimated to cost \$1.5 billion, it was estimated that there would be a \$69 net benefit to South Australian consumers. Now that the project is estimated to cost \$2.4 billion, it is actually estimated that the net benefit to South Australian consumers is going to be \$100 per year for the average household.

Just to dig a little bit deeper into this for the Leader of the Opposition, the way it works is that the AER—if it sees fit, and it is working through that process, gives regulatory asset status to the project, which means that the two proponents, one on either side of the border—are given permission to build the project, and they are also given permission to recover the cost over the next decades. What is most important is that the benefit to consumers of reduced electricity prices far outweighs the cost recovered for the project.

In this case, at the most recent update a few months ago, the benefit to consumers was going to be \$110. The cost to consumers was going to be \$10. The net benefit to consumers after the regulatory return process is calculated is \$100 extra per year for the average South Australian household on their electricity bills, without a household laying out 1¢ in advance to have the thing built. That's how it works, so any question that has to do with, what is the cost to South Australians of this project, needs to understand that.

PROJECT ENERGYCONNECT

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:11): My question is to the Minister for Energy. Will the minister rule out underwriting TransGrid's portion of the EnergyConnect project in New South Wales?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:12): Just to be sure I have got this: would I rule out underwriting TransGrid's portion of the cost in New South Wales? We are already clearly on the record, and I said it a few minutes ago: we are already underwriting work on both sides of the border to keep this—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: As I said five minutes ago—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will not respond to interjections. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: As I said five minutes ago and I say again: it is a matter of public record. We are underwriting work on both sides of the border, with ElectraNet in South Australia and with TransGrid in New South Wales, to keep the project moving, to keep it on the time line, because we are determined that South Australians get the benefits of this project as quickly as possible. To ask: would we do any underwriting on the other side of the border, only demonstrates a misunderstanding or a very poor lack of homework.

PROJECT ENERGYCONNECT

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:13): My question is to the Minister for Energy. Does the minister agree with the Australian Energy Market Commission's findings on the benefits to consumers from the construction of the New South Wales-South Australia EnergyConnect project. With your leave and that of the house, Mr Speaker, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: The Australian Energy Market Commission in its public statement today says, and I quote:

...significant reductions in wholesale electricity prices as a result of Project EnergyConnect are not expected to occur until after 2030.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens will cease interjecting. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:13): We are already seeing very significant decreases in the wholesale cost of electricity in South Australia. At our last announcement, we made it very clear that reductions in wholesale prices are flowing through to reductions in retail prices for South Australian households and businesses. We know this is happening. Will it continue to happen, as the Leader of the Opposition suggests? Well, for as long as we are in government I'm sure it will continue to happen.

We do expect that we will see continued reductions in electricity prices. Will that be a straight line? No, but like most things the average is continuing to go down—some days higher, some days lower, but the average is going down, which is in stark contrast to what we saw under the previous government.

Let me be as helpful as I possibly can. In the lead-up to the last election, the then opposition leader, the now Premier, made it very clear that of all the components that make up the retail cost of electricity it was the previous government's failures that led to an increase in the wholesale cost of electricity.

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

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

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The question was very specific. The minister is debating the question. The question was whether or not he agreed with the statements from the Australian Energy Market Commission. Instead, he is debating the answer.

The SPEAKER: I listened carefully to the leader's question. The minister is going about answering it and, in accord with standing orders, there is no point of order. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Perhaps the member for West Torrens wasn't listening because I have already said that, yes, we will see continued reductions in the wholesale cost of electricity. The date I think was 2022. I can't remember exactly the date in the question, but, yes, we will see continued reductions in the cost of wholesale electricity.

Let me be really clear. We said before the election that the previous government's energy policies had directly resulted in massive increases in the wholesale cost of electricity. We said that

we would take responsibility in partnership with industry, in partnership with consumers, in partnership with academic institutions, generators, transmission companies, gas companies—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —that we would work with all of those organisations—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —to get the wholesale price of electricity down.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Shake your head harder; he didn't see it.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens will leave for 15 minutes in accordance with standing order 137A.

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

The SPEAKER: The leader rises on a point of order.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: Debate, Mr Speaker. My question very specifically goes to the heart of this project: the interconnector. The minister is constantly talking about wholesale electricity prices and their beneficiary of the former Labor government's policy. The question—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right!

Mr MALINAUSKAS: The question goes specifically to the question of why won't the interconnector deliver benefits until after 2030 according to the AEMC.

The SPEAKER: I take it the point of order relates to standing order 98(a). I have referred already to Blackmore at page 127 earlier this week. The minister is within the bounds provided for, including in that commentary. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Let's hope we are in government in 2030 and, yes, we will continue to see reductions in wholesale electricity costs. As I have already said—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —the wholesale cost of electricity is going down through the things that we, in partnership with industry and many others, are doing, and it will continue to go down. It's going down because of the Home Battery Scheme, it's going down because of the grid-scale storage scheme, it's going down because of demand management trials, it's going down because we are starting early works on an interconnector. It's going down for lots of reasons.

We are working with industry, with consumers, with a whole range of people. Do you know what? I have offered many times here that we will work with the opposition as well. The problem is that the opposition can't settle on a position on the interconnector. The opposition one day thinks it's good and one day thinks it's bad. I never thought—I hoped, I suppose, that I would never hear the Leader of the Opposition come into question time complaining about reduced wholesale electricity prices.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Before I call the member for Newland, I warn the member for Lee; I call to order the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services; I call to order the Minister for Education; I call to order the leader; and I call to order the Premier.

DEFENCE AND SPACE SECTOR

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (14:19): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier please update the house on how the Marshall Liberal government is creating more jobs, particularly through recent positive defence and space sector announcements?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:19): I thank the member for Newland for his excellent question. He is a great advocate. He is a great representative of his community, his electorate of Newland. As a father of three, I know he is acutely interested in jobs for future generations right here in South Australia, and that's what this government is interested in as well.

When we came to government we said, we wanted to stop that exodus of capital and young people out of South Australia. We wanted to stop the brain drain. We set ourselves a goal of being able to get back to a neutral position within our first term. Sir, I can tell you right now, despite some of the negative tweets that I saw from those opposite overnight, those who are absolutely appalled that we are doing well in this area, the fact of the matter is that by the time we got to the March quarter we were already back at almost a neutral situation, and then in the subsequent two quarters we have delivered an outstanding result for South Australia.

I think it has been two consecutive quarters now where there has been a net migration back to South Australia, because young people are feeling more positive about South Australia. It's a complete transformation of what they were facing under those opposite previously, and that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —trend was well in place—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, the leader!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —for the first two years. We got back to a position of near neutrality at the end of the March quarter—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my right!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —which occurred before COVID. But they can't help themselves—they love talking down our state, but we won't be taken off track—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Lee!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —because we care about the future generations in South Australia and in particular about creating more jobs for that next generation so that those young people can stay here in our state. We have set up our Growth State agenda with nine key areas. The member for Newland has asked specifically about two of those areas, defence and space—and two very exciting sectors they are.

We know that the federal government is embarking on a record vessel build for the Royal Australian Navy and we are the beneficiaries of that new strategy in South Australia. The current projected increase in workforce, direct workforce, is 4,000 new jobs, creating such a pipeline of new jobs. I was down at BAE for the opening of their new shipyard at Osborne. They plan to take on an additional 1,000 people this year. This will be transformational for our next generation.

When we look at space, we get even more excited. This is one of the fastest growing sectors anywhere in the entire world. The federal government has an ambition to treble the size of this sector by 2030, and we should be the home of both defence and space in South Australia. I know that we were very excited recently to announce the project to establish the first state-based satellite—\$6½ million for a satellite to be built right here in the centre of the city, right here on Lot Fourteen—not overseas imported, but built right here.

Inovor is a great South Australian company, working with Myriota, working with other people in the supply chain, the space supply chain, in South Australia with two payloads: one for Earth observation, one for the Internet of Things. We are going to be able to use this to create that heritage that we need for the construction of spacecraft in one of the fastest growing sectors. Why do we do this? To give opportunities to the next generation in South Australia, to keep our young people here, to grow our economy and to create more jobs.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Wright, I warn the member for Playford. I call to order the member for Kaurna.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I warn the member for Lee for a second time.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

TAFE SA

Mr BOYER (Wright) (14:24): My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Is the Department for Innovation and Skills blocking TAFE SA's ability to offer fee-for-service business administration and community services courses in metropolitan Adelaide?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Minister for Education has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right and members on my left! I remind members the questioner is entitled to be heard in silence. The Minister for Education has the call and is entitled to be heard in silence in answer to the question.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:24): I thank the member for the question. There were changes last year to a number of courses on the Subsidised Training List, which is of course in the Department for Innovation and Skills, and fee-for-service delivery is obviously more a matter for the TAFE board, and they report to me.

The fact in relation to changes made by the Department for Innovation and Skills is a function of the fact that obviously the government is committed to ensuring that students who are wanting to have careers get high-quality careers, and businesses and industries that need a skilled workforce have that workforce supported. This government, the Department for Innovation and Skills, TAFE SA, the Department for Education and the entire cabinet have a view that those are the two key factors that we make our priorities in setting policy.

What do we do for the students to support their future career prospects, and what do we do for businesses and industries to ensure they have the skilled workforce to build prosperity and create jobs in South Australia? I think it is reasonable that the Department for Innovation and Skills, in commissioning VET from TAFE and from non-government providers in South Australia, has a mindset to quality and a mindset to cost and what is going to be in the best interests of the people of South Australia.

TAFE SA has done an extraordinary job over the last three years in turning around the ruined and degraded reputation left by those opposite. After 16 years of government, they corporatised TAFE, they set up new legislation that had government oversight over a board and over an organisation and then they failed to provide that oversight, and we saw the extraordinary catastrophe that hit TAFE in 2017 as a result. They sacked the chair of the board, they let go the chief executive of the organisation and they promoted the minister responsible to deputy leader of the Labor Party.

We worked very hard over a series of years to improve the quality to the point where, having failed 16 out of 16 audited courses in 2017, in 2018 we passed the audit and then followed that up the following year with a seven-year reaccreditation for the TAFE SA organisation, ensuring that the quality that was required met the national training standards expectations. That was the work that was undertaken by this government, and that was the work undertaken by the TAFE staff under this government. But, can I tell you, one of the consequences of that failed Labor mismanagement was that pretty much—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: It was reported to me by the former chief executive, Alex Reid, that more than half of all TAFE staff across the organisation had to be involved in fixing course

design, had to be involved in ensuring that the failures of the former government—to ensure that those courses met the national training package's quality standards and expectations. More than half of TAFE staff during that year had to be involved in that rescue package of the quality product, and that had extraordinary challenges for TAFE in its cost consequence.

There was an investment by this government over a series of three budgets well in excess of \$100 million in helping TAFE along that rescue package, but it leaves a cost challenge and a cost pressure. When we are trying to get an outcome for the students who want a quality training package to ensure that they can get a career, and indeed for workplaces and industries who need that workforce to be delivered, we want the quality. Now TAFE delivers quality, and not-for-profit non-government training providers also deliver quality, and some private providers also deliver quality in some of these areas.

We also look at cost, and when the TAFE package is four times more expensive than a training provider in a not-for-profit or a private provider who is delivering the same quality, then of course the government is going to be mindful of that as well. There were some changes made last year, they have been ventilated publicly and they have been described, and now there are some different arrangements in place.

This has led to some concerns from the unions and some job losses, I think a tiny proportion of the job losses in the last couple of years compared to the, I think, more than 600 job losses in the last six years of Labor (and I can find those details if you like)—an extraordinary, arbitrary and ad hoc series of job cuts when Labor was in power. We have transitioned some courses that are capable of being delivered by the non-government or not-for-profit sectors at the same quality but at lower cost. We can get more outcomes for students and we can get better outcomes for industry and business.

The SPEAKER: The time for answering the question has expired. I note the momentary glitch in the technology, and we will continue to monitor that closely.

TAFE SA

Mr BOYER (Wright) (14:29): I have a supplementary question to the Minister for Education. I refer to the minister's previous answer and ask: how does cutting TAFE courses help to ensure that students have access to high-quality courses?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:29): That's an entirely rhetorical question, and I would make—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Lee will cease interjecting. The Minister for Education has the call.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I didn't realise the member for Lee was such an expert in cert IIIs and TAFE courses and everything else.

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education will respond to the question and not to interjections. The Minister for Education has the call.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Thank you, I appreciate your counsel. The question is entirely rhetorical and betrays a lack of understanding of how the training sector works as a whole. It betrays a lack of understanding of the interplay between private companies that want staff and, indeed, the not-for-profit group training organisations and RTOs they kept supporting throughout the dim years following Skills for All, that disastrous program that was set up so badly by the former government, and then the dramatic cut in funding that the former government put in when they basically cut the not-for-profit and non-government training sector completely out of all subsidised training—90 per cent out.

Yet still some of these companies, because they wanted a quality product that met their needs and expectations, kept funding these GTOs and RTOs, even though it cost them a lot more than it might have cost them to do the same training at TAFE. What does that tell you? It tells you that there was a quality there in the marketplace that they were able to fund, that they were willing to fund, because they felt it better met their needs and their aspirations.

Their alternative, of course, was to follow the member for Port Adelaide, the deputy leader's training model of giving everything to TAFE SA when they had a 16 out of 16 failure in their accreditation under ASQA—a catastrophe for the TAFE brand and a catastrophe for confidence in training in South Australia given to the people of South Australia and those students and those businesses and industries courtesy of the Labor government, as it was then.

Quality training can happen at TAFE and it does happen at TAFE now, meeting the national training package's expectations, which we have decided is actually important. It was part of our election policy that quality was going to be a key part of it, that the expectations of the TAFE executive would be entirely and collectively required to be related to quality. Indeed, the board has a quality committee. The board has appointed a senior executive to ensure quality.

The fruit of that labour, and the labour of well over 1,000 hardworking TAFE staff who worked on this project, was to deliver a package that met the needs of industry and that met the needs of the training package requested by ASQA in the national arrangement. We are comfortable now that TAFE is delivering that quality package. We are also comfortable that, when a not-for-profit is established by a series of businesses and industries in South Australia, the not-for-profit is supported by those industries who choose to send their students there and it meets the expectations of ASQA. There is a reasonable change that that too will meet the quality expectations.

If the member for Wright and the Leader of the Opposition and the opposition as a whole think that non-government training providers are unable to deliver a quality product—and maybe that is the reason why they cut all funding to it about eight years ago, maybe that is—then I think they should go and talk to the hundreds and hundreds of staff in non-government training providers in South Australia and industries that want those training providers to have an option to them. Indeed, I encourage those opposite to have a chat with some of the GTOs about how they do their work.

Sometimes TAFE works really well hand in glove with some of these providers, but the key things are: are the students getting the quality they want and are businesses and industries getting the students they want? If those things are being met, then the government is doing its job of supporting a good training market in South Australia.

HYBRID BUSES

Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:33): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister update the house on the new state-of-the-art hybrid buses that are currently being rolled out across metropolitan Adelaide and how they are delivering a better service?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:34): I thank the member for Elder for her very keen interest in public transport. As always, it is a great pleasure to speak about the Marshall government's commitment to better services in South Australia for the people of our fantastic state. As you know, the Marshall government is very keen to deliver economic growth and more jobs, and today we neatly combine the two.

Recently, we launched the first two of seven new hybrid state-of-the-art buses. It was very exciting to be down there at the depot seeing these buses roll out. They have been so warmly welcomed into the community as well. It is an exciting announcement and one that I am very happy to speak more about in the house. It goes to the heart of what this government is doing: better services, economic growth, a clean and greener environment, and jobs for South Australians—that's what is key.

Of course, in December, the Minister for Environment and Water launched the South Australian government's Climate Change Action Plan 2021-25, which identified transport as being one of the largest direct sources of emissions. Well-known climate economist Ross Garnaut has commended our approach and highlighted the opportunities for South Australia to lower its emissions and do that through public transport and other forms of mobility.

The government is moving in that direction, in the right direction, delivering the Gawler line electrification, of course, a project those opposite shelved, talked about, did not do—we are delivering, and that will play a big role in doing that. That will deliver us a cleaner future and that will deliver better services for the people of the north, people ignored by those opposite. Likewise, these hybrid diesel buses will do exactly that. The green innovation is the way that they provide the power

source. It's a combination of the diesel engines and the electric engines and it delivers a wonderful outcome.

The anticipated fuel consumption is some 15 per cent lower, which is far better for our environment. In electric mode, when they are pulled up at the bus stops and at the traffic lights, they flick into electric mode and there are less exhaust fumes for when people are waiting to get on the buses. They can then flick into diesel mode and whilst in diesel mode they recharge the electric engines. It's a win for commuters, a win for the community and a win for the environment.

One of these buses has been fitted out to run on the O-Bahn in the north-east, and I know the member for King and the member for Newland are very excited by that. When you see the livery of these buses, they have the green roof canopy on them and, if you can believe it, people have been out spotting these buses, taking photos, and people who enjoy their public transport have been very excited by this.

More importantly, these buses are being put together here in South Australia. Scania, which won the contract, are delivering some 340 new buses and with that come 100 new local jobs. To keep the member for Unley happy as well, Precision has also created an apprenticeship academy, and around 40 new jobs are the result of that bus supply contract. That is absolutely fantastic—developing skills, enhancing our capabilities and growing our economy.

This is a really exciting time. As we have mentioned, 340 buses are coming online. One of these new hybrid buses was in fact the 100th delivered by Precision Buses, so we are very happy to see that happen. Of course, they are all DDA compliant, which means that they have the driver security screens, duress alarms, CCTV and fire suppression systems as well—again, delivering better services for the people of South Australia.

We know that more people used public transport 10 years ago than when Labor left office. We know that we are very focused on delivering public transport the people of South Australia will love, appreciate and also what we know is that we are delivering jobs in the process and growing the economy here in South Australia.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Mr BOYER (Wright) (14:38): My question is to the Minister for Education. Was the decision to scrap Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care at metropolitan TAFE campuses a decision made in October last year, based on any concerns with the quality of that course?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:38): It is interesting that the member for Wright, despite his enthusiasm for being in this role, hasn't done any of the work that a shadow minister would do.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Hurtle Vale!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: We have made it very clear—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —that we are increasing the quality and the opportunity for apprenticeships and traineeships here in South Australia—and, boy, was there a need to do so. Don't take my word for it:

Labor in government did some very good things in TAFE—

but we didn't hear a list of them—

but also made some very substantial mistakes. I don't think there's any walking away from that and this is an area that I think is worthy of being addressed so I acknowledge Labor's errors in government.

That was Peter Malinauskas last week on the radio, a fellow called Peter Malinauskas. And that's what we are doing. That's exactly what we are doing.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, the Premier!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my right!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Let's go back to 2015.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Overnight, the rug was pulled from the non-government sector here in South Australia who were delivering 50 per cent of skills training in South Australia. They were told they couldn't have access to the Subsidised Training List. People lost their jobs. People lost their businesses. People committed suicide over that decision. It was such an ill-considered and poor decision, and they have been recovering ever since. I have to tell you, they were scarred for the three years until a Liberal government was returned to South Australia—

Mr BOYER: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright on a point of order. The minister will resume his seat.

Mr BOYER: Standing order 98, Mr Speaker: the minister is debating the question.

The SPEAKER: I have the question. I uphold the point of order. The minister will direct his remarks in answer to the question in accordance with standing order 98(a).

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Any matter in relation to the way in which a minister endeavours to answer a question is a matter that may be the subject of a point of order that may be raised. It is certainly no reason for interjection across the chamber. The minister has the call. The minister will direct his answer to the question.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: They don't want to hear it, Mr Speaker. They don't want to hear it. This is the whole basis of the need for these changes and this policy that the government is implementing.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will resume his seat. The member for Lee on a point of order.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Yes, sir. You had just ruled in accordance with the point of order. You just upheld the point of order and the first words out of the minister's mouth were to reinforce the debate that he was previously giving in his answer.

The SPEAKER: The point of order goes to debate. I have upheld the point of order. I will give the minister somewhat longer than a few seconds. I have directed the minister to direct his answer to the question. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: One thing that I have learned in this business is that this is a very complicated process. I know that the member for Wright likes to make it simple—TAFE versus the non-government sector—and he has been warned about the dangerous game he is playing in that space. He has been warned about that and the damage that he is doing to the sector.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: If the member for Wright spent as much time developing his own policy rather than sniping from the sidelines—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —shouting at clouds, we might have some real debate in here, but they have a very long way to come. From the very words of the Leader of the Opposition, the shadow minister for jobs—from his own words—this system was a mess under Labor, so of course it's going

to change, and we are making that change. We're making that change in TAFE and we're making that change in the non-government sector—a 25 per cent growth in the non-government sector here in South Australia. Here's an interesting statistic; here's a fun fact for you, Mr Speaker—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —a real fact.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, the Premier!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —not an alternative fact that comes from one on the other side there: TAFE delivers five million hours of TAFE training for \$231 million. The non-government sector—

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will resume his seat. I have directed the minister to the question now on two occasions. I will move on. The member for Colton.

CYBER SAFETY

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:43): My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr COWDREY: —update the house on the delivery of the SWiFT internet program and opportunities for young South Australians in cyber careers?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:43): I thank the member for the question. The member for Colton is of course concerned deeply, as I know many members are, about the opportunities for South Australian young people. I am sure he is thinking about his own children, as well, and their future, both from a perspective of cyber safety and also cyber opportunity in the years ahead.

The Marshall Liberal government has acted swiftly in relation to rolling out improved internet services right across South Australia to our schools and indeed, as I will go into in a little bit, our preschools in particular. We have a program that is doing that work. But it also ties in very neatly with preparing our young people for a future in which cyber connectivity, cyber safety, cybersecurity and cyber protection are all going to be key parts of the landscape in their education and in their job opportunities.

Throughout South Australian schools, over the period from the end of 2018, when we confirmed a deal and made an announcement that Telstra were indeed rolling out that SWiFT internet program across our public schooling system, right through to the middle of last year, when we reached that 99 per cent plus mark of our schools being connected, the schooling system in South Australia has seen a radical transformation of how the internet has been able to be used in the curriculum, in the professional development for teachers or in the connectivity of schools with their students. And I tell you what, during the COVID pandemic it made the job of teachers trying to engage with students who were isolating at home, for example, that much better and able to deliver a quality outcome.

The decision that the Marshall Liberal government made to invest that \$80 million was an election promise after 16 years of Labor and it was a commitment that we took and delivered. To take South Australia schools from the slowest internet in the nation to the fastest is now a reality, and that's been great. We then went one step further later on and expanded that program and invested some further money to deliver it to every preschool site in South Australia. The benefits in curriculum are there, but obviously on a reduced scale compared to schools.

Ask any preschool director the difference that has made to their job, the administration time that is no longer spent, bearing in mind that many of these directors spend a portion of the day doing administration or actually working with children for much of their day. The amount of reduction in wasted time waiting for the internet to work has been dramatic. That program is rolling out really well:

72 per cent complete, with 279 of our preschool and kindergarten sites around South Australia already connected.

I am sure the members for Elizabeth, Playford and Frome will be excited to know that Blakeview Preschool, Liberman Kindergarten and the Solomontown Kindergarten are being connected to the program this week and, indeed, it will please the members for Chaffey, Narungga, Waite, Elder and Enfield that Renmark Children's Centre, Kadina Preschool, Blackwood Kindergarten, Cumberland Preschool Kindergarten and CaFE Enfield Children's Centre in Enfield will be rolling out in the coming weeks as well.

Part of the program was also to ensure that we had filtering systems to protect our children from getting unwelcome content, whether that's from predators or from cybersecurity threats. Palo Alto, a worldwide company and a leader in this area, are delivering that work. It was fantastic to have Palo Alto launch yesterday their Cyber Safe Kids program. They've got a pop-up stall in Rundle Mall for the next two weeks.

I encourage members to get along in the lunch break or, indeed, on the weekend. They are providing information to parents and grandparents about cyber safety and providing information to children on the weekend—of course, they are at school during the week; that's a key thing—about cyber safety programs.

It connects with the opportunities at Lot Fourteen and the Cyber Collaboration Centre, with the cyber traineeship this department has established with the Department for Innovation and Skills, meaning that there will be growth in jobs in this specific area, where there are so many jobs needed in the years ahead to work in cybersecurity. This government is making the investments to put our children and our young people in the best possible position.

TAFE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (DISABILITY) CERTIFICATE

Mr BOYER (Wright) (14:47): My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Was the decision to cancel the Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) course, previously run at metropolitan TAFE campuses, made for any reasons involving the quality of that course?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:48): As I was explaining earlier, we are rebuilding the skills system here in South Australia. TAFE are not the only people who deliver vocational education and support apprenticeships and traineeships. As a matter of fact—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —there are many industry-based organisations.

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Light!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: What we are seeing is that there are many providers of childcare training, cert III diploma, cert IV in other areas—

Mr Szakacs interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —who operate independently of the TAFE sector. It is what we describe as a thick market. There are plenty of providers in that space.

Mr Szakacs interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Cheltenham is warned.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Where we need support for apprentices and trainees is in regional South Australia because regional South Australia was smashed by those opposite. So this is about a realignment of resources—

Mr BOYER: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright rises on a point of order. The minister will resume his seat.

Mr BOYER: Point of order, Speaker, standing order 98: the minister is debating the question again.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. The minister is responsive to the question and I am listening carefully. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Answering a question is not debating the question. You have asked the question—

The SPEAKER: The minister will direct his remarks through the Chair.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: I am giving you an explanation as to—

The SPEAKER: The minister will direct his remarks through the Chair.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —what we are doing to fix the mess that we inherited from those opposite, to make sure we can deliver skills that industry values and return skills training back into regional South Australia, and TAFE will be playing a strong role in doing that in apprenticeships and traineeships.

When I was up in Whyalla on Friday, I had a round table with a number of businesspeople, and they want to have a facility for delivering skills back into regional South Australia. They are seeing a growth in apprenticeships and traineeships up there. It's a burden to send apprentices down to Adelaide, which was the choice that was left to them by the other side. There are magnificent facilities up there predominantly empty, so we are working with industry to utilise those facilities with either additional TAFE staff or non-government providers.

There are about a dozen or more welding bays at the Whyalla TAFE that have not been used for years because of the cuts that were made to TAFE by the previous government and the fact that they defunded the non-government sector, which was providing 50 per cent of the funding here in South Australia for the delivery of vocational education and training, apprenticeships predominantly. We have a significant structural problem that we need to correct. There were five million hours of training by TAFE last year—\$231 million. Six million hours of training by the independent sector—\$52 million. You don't need to be a rocket scientist to work that out. What we have seen from those opposite—

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —is an attempt to discredit the non-government sector here in South Australia, who are accredited by the same people who accredit TAFE, the same people who failed 16 TAFE courses that were run under the previous government. They abide by the same rules and the same conditions. They deliver the same curriculum. They deliver the same quality as TAFE deliver, and some would argue they deliver better quality because they are industry connected. They are driven by industry. Paul Caica, the chairperson of PEER, will tell you of the good work the non-government sector is doing in the industry.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The time for responding to the question has expired. Before I call the member for Waite, I call to order the member for Light, I call to order and warn the member for Hurtle Vale, and I warn for a second time the member for Playford.

AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr DULUK (Waite) (14:52): My question is to the Minister for Emergency Services. Can the minister please update the house on the rollout of the automatic vehicle location tracking systems to support our emergency services volunteers when they are fighting bushfires in our communities? Sir, with your leave and that of the house, I will further explain.

Leave granted.

Mr DULUK: In July last year, the independent review into the South Australian 2019-20 bushfire season was handed down to the parliament. There was a \$20 million investment as part of that review, and one recommendation concerned the importance of automatic vehicle location tracking systems. In conversations with my CFS group and brigades in my community over the weekend—including Upper Sturt in your brigade, sir—we are still waiting for that rollout with our community. We would appreciate an update from the minister as to when that will happen.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (14:53): I thank the honourable member for the question. It enables me to talk a little bit about the good work that the government is doing in terms of the emergency services space. Sir, as you are aware, the state government was the first government in all of Australia to commission an independent bushfire review. We are very proud about that. We are certainly getting on with the job of making sure that we respond to that review in a comprehensive manner.

It was responded to, if you like, in terms of two stages, stage 1 and stage 2. There were 27 action items that were to be actioned before the end of the bushfire season, and I am pleased to update and inform the house that 23 of those 27 have already been implemented. One of the recommendations, if you like, was in relation to AVL, otherwise known as automatic vehicle location. By the way, review after review was conducted in relation to automatic vehicle location, but what these reviews showed was that this should have been invested in a long time ago.

It had not been done by former governments, but we are getting on with the job. We have committed \$5 million to make sure that we get on with the job of unveiling automatic vehicle location technology. What it means, basically, is that we will be able to see where these trucks are in the dark of night.

If you look at where our fires have been recently, whether it be in the South-East or in the Adelaide Hills (and we had the very dangerous 2019-20 season), often we will send crews—and they could be crews from all over the state—to go into unfamiliar environments and unfamiliar terrain in the dark of night, and into dangerous conditions and smoky conditions, and it is very, very important that an incident command centre, or such a centre, will be able to see where these trucks are.

As the member for Waite alluded to, we are getting on with the job. We are trialling the technology. Aspects of the trial are underway. I believe that we are unveiling that trial in five strategic locations, one being Yorke Peninsula in the member for Narungga's electorate, one being on the West Coast in the member for Flinders' electorate and in the Adelaide Hills, as well as a number of other locations.

I have certainly been made aware of the fact that progress has been made on the trial. What the emergency services department, SAFECOM, is looking at doing is obviously starting the trial, and once we learn from that trial we will then develop that further with a view to unveiling that across the entire state. Certainly, it is a very, very important aspect.

With respect to the member for Waite's question in terms of his particular brigade, I am more than happy to go up there and meet with them. As I said, the Adelaide Hills is certainly a very fundamental part of the state where many bushfires have occurred, and we have seen in recent times that very serious fires have occurred.

I am certainly happy to talk to the brigades in the member for Waite's electorate, but I also take this opportunity just to remind the house that, as a government, we put out a package of over \$97 million. We are making sure that we are getting on with the job of delivering over 25 CFS trucks this bushfire season, and making sure that we also roll out thermal imaging cameras. As you would be aware in your own electorate, sir, basically these cameras see heat, but we are also making sure that we do take this opportunity to unveil this AVL technology.

We will continue to do that and, sir, if you have not already, make sure you do download the Alert SA app. I notice that the app has had over 200,000 downloads. That is also a good thing. I am happy to visit the member for Waite and his brigades.

COVID-19 COURTS ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:57): My question is to the Attorney-General. Can the Attorney please update the house as to how the South Australian justice system has responded to the challenges posed by COVID-19?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (14:58): Indeed. Thank you very much for the question, because we do need to commend all the agencies that have had to survive COVID and be able to steer the continued services for the public.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, many in our community were already in the midst of court action. Some, of course, were in the middle of civil lawsuits, some were victims, some were witnesses and some were waiting to have their cases dealt with in criminal trials, and so we needed to deal with some immediate action. The ability to continue these disputes was resolved by implementing a number of initiatives.

Firstly, can I say in acknowledging this that the work of the courts and the judiciary did rise to the challenge in managing this, and I will just report briefly as follows. There was the launch last year of the new CourtSA portal for the civil jurisdiction, which meant that parties in civil proceedings could lodge court documents online without attending in person at a registry. Approximately 30,000 civil transactions have either been initiated or subsequently processed under the new portal.

The Courts Administration Authority also introduced a number of measures last year, some of which have been very successful and may be matters we ultimately consider will remain in place on a permanent basis. Firstly, there's the utilisation of audiovisual links—a different AVL from the previous minister's statement—and teleconferencing to attend court hearings. Also, police AVL suites have been initiated and equipment for dealing particularly with overnight arrests. There is work going on with the corrections department to provide facilities there for prisoners to also access AVL within a confidential environment.

We are enabling parties to agree to adjournments and consent orders by email, the use of Webex in the higher courts for remote court attendance—that's particularly important in remote parts of South Australia for parties and witnesses in civil trials, as well as defendants and their solicitors during sentencing matters—the convening of courts over Easter and Christmas in order to hear custody matters by telephone or Microsoft Teams, additional courtrooms for jury trials and allowing jurors to sit both within and outside the jury box. My unhelpful suggestion of a double-deck for those wasn't taken up, I have to say; nevertheless, we have had to reconfigure courtrooms and obviously protect the safety of the jurors.

We have committed over \$15 million to upgrade particularly the audiovisual link technology, and I can say that this has been enormously appreciated by both the courts and all those in our community who use the courts. Just recently, members of the government were up in the Riverland and I met with one senior investigative detective. He indicated not only how important this was in a regional area for people awaiting bail applications and things of that nature but how helpful it had been, and he was encouraging us to continue those services.

We are doing some further upgrades. We have extended and upgraded a number of courts in the Sir Samuel Way Building, which deals with the bulk of our criminal and jury trials, and additional work is being undertaken. All this of course assists with our jobs policy to ensure that we give local IT workers and also local tradespeople the opportunity to be part of the provision of continued services to our community and also, of course, employment particularly in small business.

I thank the courts, the judiciary and those in the Courts Administration Authority for quickly attending to these matters. The response has been incredible and the applications will be of benefit way into the future.

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:02): A supplementary question to the Attorney-General following on from her answer just given and her answer to my question yesterday about the security of COVID contact forms outside courts, supermarket shopping centres and other public places: I ask her under which part of which act is it an offence to photograph a COVID contact form?

The SPEAKER: I'm not sure it's a supplementary question.

Ms Bedford: I mentioned courts, sir.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (15:02): I don't think it has ever been asserted that it's not an offence, if I read the double negative in that question. There is no question that there is an umbrella

of law around the protections of the disclosure of information, with a fine of up to \$5,000 for the disclosure of that information, other than the three circumstances I indicated yesterday. One, of course, is in the administration of the act, the second is with the consent of the party and the third is for use in a court or tribunal.

I can confirm for the member that I have made the inquiry of the police commissioner I think via the minister's office to ascertain whether anyone is being prosecuted in those matters. I indicated yesterday I would follow that up. I haven't had a response on that yet, but certainly that information will be made available.

It is unlawful to disclose any information, and if someone is seen photographing—which I think is what the member is referring to—because you had a constituent in that area who had apparently seen somebody photographing the sheet—that should be investigated by the police and referral made. I would encourage that to still occur if it hasn't already occurred.

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

Mr BOYER (Wright) (15:04): My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. How many of the 20,800 apprenticeships and traineeships the government said it would create by 2022 have been created so far?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (15:04): This is a very good news story for South Australia. We have—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Despite the difficulties of COVID hitting in March, with 45,000 South Australians losing their jobs virtually overnight when the lockdown hit South Australia, I am pleased to report that in South Australia we were the only state to finish the last financial year to June 2020 with more apprentices in training than we started the year with—8 per cent more—and the nation went backwards by nearly 4 per cent. Then, of course, for commencements, even though during that period—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —that three-month period—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: During that three-month period—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, the Minister for Education! The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Even during that three-month period, when we were managing suspensions of apprenticeships, up to 2,000 of them at one time, we still saw South Australia finishing with more commencements during the year than they started.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: We saw an increase of 2.1 per cent in commencements compared to the same time the previous year. What happened nationally? Nationally, there was a 14.2 per cent decline in commencements. We are delivering on our election promise—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —of creating more apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia. For the very first time—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will resume his seat. Members on my left will cease interjecting. The minister is entitled to be heard in silence. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: For the very first time, we are actually seeing higher apprenticeships delivered here in South Australia.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: For the 16 years they were in office, they were talking about a transformation in the economy, a transforming economy. That was their excuse for coming 86,000 jobs short of the 100,000 jobs they promised—by that much.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: That was their excuse for transforming—

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —the economy. Not a single higher apprenticeship was delivered by those over there at that time. We are leading the nation in the delivery of commencements of higher apprenticeships, brand-new apprenticeships—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —that didn't exist under those opposite. We are committed to growing apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia. We are delivering on that promise of more apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia. We are nation leading—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will resume his seat. Members on my left will cease interjecting. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: We have brand-new apprenticeships for women now. Those in the care sector. You know what traditionally happened in South Australia under 16 years of Labor—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford will leave for 15 minutes in accordance with standing order 137A. The minister has the call.

The honourable member for Playford having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Women who predominantly work in the care sector had to go to learn in their own time and then work for someone for free for eight weeks to get qualified, no paid traineeship or apprenticeship. That happened when the Liberal Party came to office.

Can you imagine a whole lot of construction trainees having a barbecue at lunchtime and reminiscing about the days when they went to school to learn their trade and worked for free for on-the-job training? No way, and why did Labor allow that to happen?

Mr MALINAUSKAS: A point of order, Mr Speaker: debate, 98(a). It was a very simple request for a number. There are only 15 seconds left of question time. The opposition, and I think the South Australian public, would very much value the minister just answering the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I say to members on my right and members on my left that I am listening very carefully to the minister's answer. The minister is entitled to be heard in silence. The minister has the call.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee will leave for 15 minutes in accordance with standing order 137A.

The honourable member for Lee having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: I was asked a question about how many. I am talking about how many different sorts of apprenticeships we have been delivering. That was the question—how many? That's the answer I am giving, but they don't like the answer. The facts are they left skills training in a mess, went to the election with no policy, three years later still no skills policy.

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TRAINING AND SKILLS FUNDING

Mr BOYER (Wright) (15:09): What another vintage performance we saw today from the Minister for Innovation and Skills, a classic performance from the member for Unley: evasive, combative and completely unwilling, as per normal across his entire—

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

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education!

Mr BOYER: —parliamentary career, to give any facts. There must be a reason for that. It surely has to be one of two things. It is either because the facts do not suit the minister in any way, or he simply cannot retain the information in his head. It is one of those two things.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Imagine being the Labor Party talking about TAFE—

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: —after your record.

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education is warned.

Mr BOYER: By way of example, this government's flagship policy in the skills and training portfolio was 20,800 new training and apprenticeships to be created between September 2018 and September 2022, but when we asked the minister—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: It's better than ruining TAFE, which is what you did.

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education is warned for a second time.

Mr BOYER: —and I might add that it is the second time in 24 hours that I have asked the minister this question because I asked it yesterday on the Auditor-General's Report as well—what is the baseline figure upon which the 20,800 new places were to be created, he did not know or could not say. How is the commitment tracking? How many of the 20,800 places have been created now? He could not answer the question. Why?

This is a \$200 million commitment shared by the state government and the commonwealth government. The minister in this state who is responsible for delivering it cannot answer the most basic questions about how it is tracking, and we know why. It is because it is miles and miles behind because they have failed, because this government's strategy around skills and training is failing. The minister kindly referred to this in some of his answers today—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Fixing your mess.

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education will cease interjecting.

Mr BOYER: Things are going so badly in this minister's portfolio that, at the end of last year, he had to write—

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

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr BOYER: It's alright, Mr Speaker, I am used to the Minister for Education being sent in to defend the Minister for Innovation and Skills. It happens all the time. Things are going so badly in this minister's portfolio that he recently had to write to private RTOs—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Wright will resume his seat.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Wright is entitled to be heard in silence. Interjections on my right and on my left will cease. The member for Wright has the call.

Mr BOYER: Thank you, Mr Speaker, for your protection. As I was saying, things are going so badly in the Minister for Innovation and Skills's portfolio that toward the end of last year he had to write to private registered training organisations and ask them to send a letter to the Leader of the Opposition because we were being mean to him. Unbelievable!

What he has actually done is a classic trick from the Marshall Liberal government: he has outsourced it. He has outsourced justifying his logic behind cutting courses from TAFE and giving them to the private sector, to those private RTOs, because as we saw this afternoon, while he was on his feet, the minister is incompetent and completely incapable of explaining his logic and justifying these cuts.

There is a strategy in the way in which these portfolios have been divided up. There is a very good reason why we have the Minister for Innovation and Skills, who has almost all the portfolio, and the Minister for Education, who I might say is a bit better on his feet than the Minister for Innovation and Skills, although I do not think that is really a compliment.

You cannot have the Minister for Innovation and Skills going out to defend the cuts to TAFE, but the Minister for Education, on the other hand—

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

Mr BOYER: —is regularly sent out—

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education will leave for 15 minutes according to standing orders 137A.

The honourable member for Morialta having withdrawn from the chamber:

Mr BOYER: —into the community to sprinkle a bit of fairy dust around and pull a few Jedi mind tricks on the sector to make them think that everything is going really well, to make them think that this government in some way actually values TAFE and think there is a future for TAFE in this state.

But behind the scenes, in his office, away from public view, the Minister for Innovation and Skills has taken the knife to TAFE, but he will not come in here and tell us what he is doing. He will not come in here and tell us whether he is meeting any of his commitments to add apprenticeships and traineeships to this state.

Earlier this week we had the Report on Government Services. If we want an indication as to whether or not the government's strategy around skills and training is actually working, between 2017 and 2019, the number of students and school leavers moving on to further education or into jobs dropped by 22 per cent, from 77.3 per cent to 53.3 per cent, which makes you wonder why they are continuing with this attack on our public training provider.

CHAFFEY ELECTORATE, SCHOOL AWARDS

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (15:15): It gives me great pleasure to stand and talk about the awards that I have presented to some of the 23 schools in the electorate of Chaffey. It has been quite a pleasure to visit those schools, to acknowledge some of those high achievers, not just academically high achievers but those who are giving back to the community and those who are presenting great support not only to their fellow students but to the school community. I would like to acknowledge some of those students in the electorate of Chaffey. They are:

- Glossop High School: Evan Wade made a great contribution. He is a hard worker with academic achievements;
- Renmark High School: Kirra Demtchuk has done an outstanding job in supporting the school and is a high achiever;

- Loxton High School: Olivia Vivian has been able to provide an outstanding contribution, not only to the school but also the Loxton community; and
- Waikerie High School: Bonnie Dolphin and Cade Ridley are the two senior SRC leaders. They took out a scoop of the end of year awards. Those two school leaders will be a force to be reckoned with in their working careers.

Moving on to some of the primary schools:

- Blanchetown Primary School: Sam Zadow continues to show great academic excellence;
- Baramera Primary School: Maddison Rossack consistently focuses on tasks and strives to achieve;
- Berri Primary School: Wyatt Nuske is an outstanding student and an all-rounder, and that is great to see;
- Cobdogla Primary School: Jack Crossfield's academic achievements have been absolutely outstanding. He is one of the great school leaders in that primary school;
- Glossop Primary Community School: Christa Kollias is one of the great role models at that school;
- Loxton Lutheran Primary School: Claire Scholz continues to volunteer and has a strong school and community contribution. She is a real leader in that primary school;
- Loxton North Primary School: Bethany Taylor continues to excel in her academic achievements. She is top of her class and top of the school;
- Monash Primary School: Isla Dixon is upholding living school values and consistently supporting her fellow students.
- Moorook Primary School: Abigail Reimann is a great young student. Abigail is an excellent all-rounder;
- Morgan Primary School: Ayan Patel has a strong growth mindset and is able to support students at every step of the way;
- Our Lady of the River Primary School: Caroline Cross has overcome many challenges, both academic and social, and has been able to achieve the highest level at that school. Congratulations to Caroline;
- Renmark North Primary School: I presented awards to Sam Ivanovic who is an all-round student. I know his older brother and his parents. His parents used to work for me at my farms. They are a good, all-round family;
- Renmark Primary School: Saraya Gardner is a kind and gentle soul and has the respect of her fellow students;
- Renmark West Primary School: Molly Peterson has outstanding academic achievements;
- Rivergum Christian College: Chloe McPherson continues to support her fellow students and is a high achiever; and
- St Joseph's Catholic School Baramera: Josephine Abela has high academic achievements and also has a great presence in the community.

These are primary school students achieving great outcomes, which is very good to see. Also:

- St Joseph's Catholic School Renmark: Mia DePalma, the daughter of the principal, has outstanding involvement both within the school and the community, but particularly in her sporting achievements;
- Waikerie Lutheran Primary School: Grace Borgas is doing an outstanding job there. Grace is a great student with very caring qualities towards her fellow students and a very good community contributor; and

- Riverland Special School: Conrad Howe is the head prefect and is doing an outstanding job. It really is great acknowledgement of those students who are excelling.

Not long after that, we celebrated the Renmark Rose Festival, which is one of the great traditional 10-day festivals in South Australia, up in the Riverland, one of the great places and homes of the rose. Despite the COVID restrictions, that rose festival committee got on with the job and presented an outstanding community event. To the chairperson, Sheree Chappel; the secretary, John Chappel; and committee members Chris Petersen, Richard Fewster, Lorna Taylor, Helen Davenport, Jill Knight, Sandy Lloyd and Priya Tomar, congratulations on an outstanding community event.

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:20): The Torrens to Darlington South Road upgrade will be the biggest infrastructure project in the electorate of Badcoe in a generation. The project will consist of two tunnels. The above-ground section between those tunnels spans my electorate precisely, from Cross Road to Richmond Road. This means the people of Badcoe are the people set to be most detrimentally affected by this major project.

Do not get me wrong, Labor absolutely supports the upgrade of the north-south corridor; in fact, Labor was the instigator of this incredible public infrastructure project. But that does not escape the fact that for many people in my neighbourhood, for many families, for many businesses, for schools, for churches and for sports clubs, this project will seriously impact them, and for many it will be a heartbreaking outcome.

As the member for Badcoe, I am elected to stick up for my community, to fight for what they need, to ensure they get the best deal possible, even when the likely outcomes for particular individuals are poor. I have been actively engaging with my community about the future of South Road before I was even elected, but since budget day I have stepped up those efforts. Through public meetings, doorknocking, phone calls and Zooms, I have heard from hundreds of local people.

They are people in Black Forest, Glandore, Everard Park, Kurralta Park, Keswick, Marleston and Ashford who will have a six-lane sunken roadway between their suburbs; people in Clarence Gardens, Clarence Park and Edwardstown who are concerned about the future of Emerson Crossing and Cross Road; and people in suburbs like Forestville, Millswood and Plympton who are worried about the inevitable road diversions and rat running. What people in my community are feeling right now is uncertainty, stress and confusion. For some who strongly suspect their home or business will be taken from them, it is helplessness or even anger.

On behalf of my community, I am calling on the government to make a decision about land acquisitions as swiftly as possible and as decisively as possible. My community is saying to me that the cruellest thing is being left in limbo. The project has been announced, but with no detail about the alignment and no advice about land acquisition or where a sound wall will go. They have no idea about the future of their biggest asset, their home or business, and no idea whether to sell now or wait, to invest in their property or not.

It has been difficult to get clear, consistent information from the government but, from what has been disclosed, it appears that it will be six to 12 months or maybe longer before compulsory acquisition letters will even go out. That is more than a year of uncertainty for people about whether their property is even in the firing line, choking their chance to make important decisions for themselves and their families. For that reason, the government must make a firm decision swiftly, both for the mental health and the financial health of my community.

So far, the communication from the government has not filled my neighbourhood with much hope that we will be listened to, or that the government even cares who we are or where we are. There have been scores of problems with erroneous subsurface drilling notification letters—wrong dates, wrong streets, wrong times—and flyers just not making it on time to be of any use to local residents trying to figure out how to get in and out of their streets each day.

Last week, a flyer was distributed in Glandore notifying locals of a road closure in Clarence Gardens. Residents may well have chucked it in the bin thinking it was not relevant to their suburb but, alas, it was yet another typo. Put simply, if the government does not know where we are, it does not fill us with confidence that they care about us.

As further evidence there is little regard for people in our neighbourhood, this exchange went on in the Budget and Finance Committee recently. The CEO of DIT was asked if there would be a briefing about the project provided to the local MP. Mr Tony Braxton-Smith laughed and replied:

I've got no idea who the member for Badcoe is; in fact, I don't even know where Badcoe is or how you spell it, for that matter—I presume with an 'e' on the end?

Why would he know where our community is? It is only the biggest project that he is executing and it is acutely affecting the people of Badcoe. Comments like that from the head of the project send a clear message to my community: he could not care less about them; he could not care where they are, what they need or who their local representative is. It is not a great start.

There is an opportunity for things to get back on track. The minister can start by ensuring the people of Badcoe are adequately represented on the community and business reference groups. With a total of 10 to 15 members on each group in each of the separate north and south groups, I think at least half the members should be from the Badcoe area.

I say that because those are the suburbs affected by the above-ground section of the project. There must be representation from those who are likely to be compulsorily acquired, likely to be living near a sound wall and likely to be adversely affected by the construction phase, which will last at least a decade.

BLACKFORD BUSHFIRE

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:25): I rise today to pay tribute and to say thank you to the many hundreds of men and women from the CFS, volunteers, farm firefighting units, agencies, local councils and the communities of Avenue Range and Lucindale for their tireless work during and following the recent Blackford fire.

The day of the fire, Monday 11 January, was extremely hot and windy. Just before 1pm, a fire, which has since been deemed unsuspecting, broke out in the Avenue Range area. The fire was frighteningly close to the scene of last year's devastating Keilira fire, which destroyed more than 25,000 hectares, a home, infrastructure and a great many stock. By midafternoon, conditions had worsened. Fanned by strong winds, the fire front was 32 kilometres long and was just 10 kilometres from Avenue Range and 12 kilometres from the Lucindale township.

CFS crews were mobilised from across the state and Victoria: 200 were on the ground while six aircraft set about protecting assets. Over the course of the afternoon, the aerial bombers undertook more than 100 water and retardant drops. The Jacky White drain, a man-made earthen drain, acted as an effective firebreak. Its position north of Avenue Range running in a north-westerly direction meant that when the wind changed the fire hit the drain, slowing the potential fire front. The CFS reported that the drain prevented the tripling of the 14,000 hectares eventually impacted.

It was not only the drain that helped. Centre pivots with green feed were another barrier to halt the spread of the flames. They helped to split the fire into two distinctive fronts before it reached the town of Lucindale. Although the fire came to the very edge of the township of Lucindale, it was well defended by the combined efforts of the ground and aerial firefighting teams.

The losses associated with the fire are substantial. Heartbreakingly, the fire engulfed the home of Neill and Chris Watts. It also destroyed the old general store at Avenue, the historic church and old school building. The fire also burned countless tonnes of stock feed, sheds and 400 kilometres of fencing, and impacted at least 70 landowners in one way or another. More than 7,500 sheep were killed as a result of this fire.

I am led to believe that between 600 and 800 cattle were destroyed on the spot, in paddocks or in nearby yards, and that another 600 to 1,200 cattle had to be sent to market because they were slightly damaged and could make the trip on a truck to then be slaughtered for some use. Important long-term breeding programs for sheep and stud cattle were impacted.

There is no doubt the road to recovery, both mentally and economically, will be a long one. Quick work after the fire by neighbours, PIRSA staff and local vets helped to dispose of and account for impacted stock. This is a terrible job and one which a farmer should not have to do. I am thankful for the work of the neighbours and PIRSA staff who acted so swiftly and humanely.

As is typical in rural communities, the response to this disaster has again been extraordinary; our community is truly generous. In the days following the fire, donations started flooding in, coordinated by the Lions Club and Naracoorte Lucindale Council and Kingston District Council. All have committed to deliver the services required as the recovery effort gets underway.

The Mount Gambier hay run organised by Adam Smith, which last year delivered nearly 70 loads of hay to those affected by the Keilira fire, has continued its good work. On Saturday 16 January, a huge convoy of semis rolled into Lucindale carrying more than 3,000 bales of donated hay. This support is invaluable in helping impacted landholders. BlazeAid has also mobilised and now set up camp at Lucindale, where it will stay for the coming months. Teams have now begun removing and rebuilding hundreds of kilometres of damaged fencing. I wish to thank all those who have volunteered or will volunteer for BlazeAid.

A charity auction is being held at the Lucindale Country Club this Saturday night. More than \$90,000 worth of goods and services has been donated. The proceeds will go to the families who have been impacted by the fire. Thank you to our volunteers. Over 400 gave up their time to either fight or mop up after the Blackford fire. Roughly 80 per cent of the land that was burnt was owned by CFS volunteers. Collectively, they put in many thousands of hours of their time. In closing, this fire, while devastating, could have been much worse. No lives were lost, and I know that the spirit of the community will spur on its recovery.

HAMPSTEAD POOL CLOSURE

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (15:30): Last week, there was devastating news for many families in my electorate of Torrens and the electorate of Enfield, as well as some in Florey, Wright, Newland and even King, with media reports that the Hampstead pool, which caters for swimming, water safety and water therapy for more than 1,000 children, will not be reopening up to the public following its closure through COVID-19 restrictions. It is reported that this pool will be closed to the public forever.

This is on top of the Marshall government closing the Strathmont pool in January 2019, a pool accessed by 1,500 people, again for swimming, water safety lessons and extensively for water therapy. Does the government not realise that for children and adults with disability often their grassroots sport is swimming and that without a pool they are not able to participate? Access to a swimming pool for these lessons provides equal opportunities for children and adults with disability. Swimming is an inclusive sport.

Going into the 2018 election, my electorate of Torrens and the surrounding suburbs had two swimming pools and an election commitment to build a new pool in the local area. Now, in 2021, under the Marshall government, locals are without access to any pool. When this government closed Strathmont pool, they alleged it was past its use-by date. Reports supporting this were not provided. The government could not even keep the pool open for the summer holidays. The ministers said places would be found for all the displaced children, including those with special needs. Well, ministers, for the record, that is not the case.

Many of these children no longer have swimming lessons, or they are forced to travel a 34-kilometre round trip, while a significant number have had their lessons reduced. Some from SwimSafe and Tea Tree Gully Learners were accommodated at the Modbury Hospital pool, and, for the record, that pool was built by the Labor government. I understand this now will not be reopening to the public. This will again leave hundreds of children without access to swimming lessons.

It is a well-documented fact that we need more not fewer swimming pools for swimming and water safety lessons, including for a large number of our growing CALD community in the north-east, for people with disability who benefit through water therapy, for the many requiring rehabilitation following injury and surgery, for seniors and for the elderly to assist them in keeping mobile in their home. The benefits socially and economically far outweigh the initial costs.

The correspondence I sent to the Premier and the ministers in the Marshall government outlined my deep concerns for the families that would no longer have access to a swimming pool following the closure of Strathmont pool. Closing Hampstead pool will further exacerbate this issue, leaving people in the north-east in Torrens and the surrounding areas without a pool. Today, I call on the Marshall government to set aside a portion of the government-owned vacant land in Oakden along Fosters Road or Grand Junction Road or another suitable site that forms part of the Oakden

and Gilles Plains Structure Plan for a new public swimming pool, a pool to replace the facilities their government has closed.

The development alone will see 2,000 new homes in the local area. Given the urban infill experienced in the north-east, including this new development and Lightsvue, there is a unique opportunity to collaborate with federal and local government and futureproof this area for generations to come. It is incredibly disappointing to think that the government will reap the benefits from a housing development while failing to provide infrastructure to support the growing community in the local area.

Many dedicated swim schools will be impacted, including Elite Swim, which has provided swimming and water safety lessons at the site for almost 30 years for the CALD community and those with autism as well as for the general public; Inclusive Swim, which caters specifically for children with autism; Gemini Swim, which provides lessons for children with autism as well as for the general public; and Tea Tree Gully Learners. These are all schools that, according to the many emails, telephone calls and letters I have received, offer quality, affordable lessons for those in the lower socio-economic bracket, many of whom would not be able to afford lessons with other schools.

I also ask that the government commit to Hampstead pool remaining open and give consideration to its being operated by an outside body like Royal Life Saving South Australia, which does an amazing job running the VACSWIM pool programs. This summer alone, they catered for almost 7,000 children across 82 sites. Further, I ask that the government explore any possibilities regarding the pool that may exist with the Port Adelaide Enfield council.

Time expired.

WAITE GATEHOUSE

Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:35): This afternoon, I rise to talk about the Waite gatehouse, believe it or not, built in 1890 and heritage listed in 1982, about the same time as the historic Edinburgh Hotel, also in Mitcham. It is a 130-year-old state heritage listed building. It is located at the corner of Cross Road and Fullarton Road. For those who do not know, there were about a thousand people there last Sunday on that corner protesting its slated demise, but hopefully not. It is under threat due to the planned intersection upgrade.

The Waite Arboretum itself is such a significant collection of trees for the people of South Australia and for the university. I was going for a run at the arboretum after parliament only yesterday to look at the magnificent trees and its environmental and research benefit to the university and to the people of South Australia. Most importantly, the building, the gatehouse and the land that is the arboretum were gifted to the people of South Australia as part of the Peter Waite bequest, the single biggest bequest from an individual in the history of our state.

There are two essential elements in the Peter Waite Trust deed of 1914, and that is that the university hold the designated section of eastern land for the purpose of teaching and studying branches of learning associated with agriculture and husbandry and the university hold the remaining western section upon trust to preserve it in perpetuity as a park or garden for the recreation and enjoyment of the public. Waite's legacy to the people of South Australia is not to become a slip lane. That is not to say that the intersection at the corner of Fullarton Road and Cross Road does not need to be upgraded; in fact, the whole Mitcham Hills corridor needs to be upgraded.

It is really good to see the government investing in that corridor, starting with the Blackwood roundabout, which I have been advocating for many years as the member for that community. We are seeing works happening at the James Road-Old Belair Road intersection and at Fullarton Road-Cross Road, the Springbank intersection and for the Glen Osmond Road-Fullarton Road upgrade. These are all important initiatives. They are good funding initiatives from the government, both federal and state, on behalf of the people of South Australia.

But what is important to me and my community is heritage and preserving Peter Waite's legacy. If the gatehouse is demolished, it will be the first state heritage listed building to be demolished. It will set a negative precedent for heritage, environment and I think future developments as well. In my view, if the government starts to demolish state heritage listed buildings, what precedent does it set for the private sector to follow? I ask: what is our favourite historic building in South Australia on the list? Is it the Thebby Theatre, the Adelaide Oval scoreboard, Her Majesty's

Theatre, the town hall, or the Barr Smith Library, which was certainly a favourite place of mine to do some reading whilst I was at university?

In my electorate, I ask: what else will become at risk of demolition if the gatehouse is demolished? Will it be Old Government House in Belair National Park; the manure pits at Brownhill Creek; the Wittunga Botanic Garden; the Scotch College main house; beautiful Carrick Hill; Belair railway station and Mitcham railway station; Eynesbury House; Correega house; Sleep's Hill tunnel at Eden Hills; the Murray and Son biscuit factory on Coromandel Parade, Blackwood; the former home for inebriates, which is now on the site of St John's Grammar School; Nunyara Conference Centre; at Urrbrae high, the former headmaster's residence; or Horner's Bridge in Coromandel Valley?

These are all state heritage listed buildings, on the state heritage list, in my community. In and of themselves they are buildings. They were built many, many years ago, and they are quite often used today. They are state heritage listed facilities and buildings and they mean something, and if we allow the gatehouse to be demolished as opposed to being moved as part of this road upgrade, I think that we will be setting a very dangerous precedent for all these state heritage listed buildings in my community and across South Australia.

It is so important that we preserve heritage and protect the environment. We now have had two rallies to save the gatehouse. We have had over 1,000 attendees at the weekend's rally. We had George Morgan, the great-grandson of Peter Waite, address us, as well as Professor Norman Etherington, a retired Adelaide Uni professor of history and the former head of the National Trust. Dr Jennifer Gardner OAM, on behalf of the interim Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University spoke about the importance of the university's position with regard to saving the gatehouse.

We know we can move the gatehouse through my evidence presented at the Public Works Committee. It is feasible. We know that the money is there. I urge the government to work with the university, to work with the community, to save the Waite gatehouse.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:40): I move:

That the house at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 11am.

Motion carried.

Bills

STATUTES AMENDMENT (TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO) BILL

Committee Stage

In committee (resumed on motion).

Clause 64.

The ACTING CHAIR (Mr Cowdrey): We concluded at clause 64. The member for Elizabeth still had two questions remaining on clause 64, if he wishes to ask any more questions.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sir, I indicate that, notwithstanding the argy-bargy we have had about this particular clause, I am very happy to see it passed, and the bill have swift passage through the other place. I commend this clause to the committee.

Clause and title passed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Third Reading

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:43): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

I thank everyone who has contributed to this bill. I thank all the staff and all the people who worked to put this together. I know that a number of facets were brought together to make this happen, and I am very happy that we have been able to move it through the house.

Bill read a third time and passed.

MOTOR VEHICLES (MOTOR BIKE DRIVER LICENSING) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 12 November 2020.)

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:44): I rise in support of this legislation, the Motor Vehicles (Motor Bike Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill 2020. I want to note that we have had some great discussions on our side of the house with our ministers, our cabinet and our whole team in regard to this bill to get to some sensible outcomes. Certainly, something we need to reflect on—and I will get into some more detail in a moment—is the high accident and death rate amongst motorbike riders in this state.

Motorbike riding is a very enjoyable experience. At the farm, I have a Yamaha 660 quad, and I am a bit dismayed that quad bikes probably will not be imported after this year because of concerns of rollovers and accidents. The issue is that it might have a tangential effect on what people think are other safer vehicles for use on properties and stations, and there could be some issues around that. I do not discount that there have been some terrible injuries on quad bikes on farms, and I think the issue of rollovers and accidents needs more of a look at in regard to their use.

Certainly, in regard to the use of motorbikes on the road, I know there have been different schemes of graduated licensing, especially for learner riders. Years ago, a learner rider could buy as big a motorbike as they liked. Sometimes, sadly, they were dead very quickly on their first ride. At one stage, there was a limit of 250cc, but motorbike companies managed to get them powered up so that they could go pretty well. It came down to power to weight ratio, and there are some interesting dynamics on how that is measured.

Noting the schemes we have for car licensing, with there being basically four years before you can have a full car licence, it was critical that we got some reality for country riders, and my family is a case in point. My eldest son is 19, and he got his motorbike licence when he was 16. I was quite happy for him to do that. He wanted to put road wheels on it—he has a WR250F with trail bike-style tyres. He wanted to bring it to Adelaide and use it for going into university. I said, 'No, I think we will do something better than that.' At the time, he was 18, and he said, 'I can do what I like.' I said, 'You can do what you like, but I'm not going to bury my son. I have heard of too many stories of people who never get over burying a son or daughter who has had a tragic accident,' and you can understand why.

I said to Mack, 'It's not your riding skill I'm worried about,' because what I have seen him do off-road is incredible, 'it's just that people don't see you'. You are a very small object out there amongst a lot of cars, trucks and a lot of objects on the road that are a lot heavier than a motorbike. Anyway, three years down the track and I have another son about to get his licence. It was interesting that it was raised in question time. We had some changes around him getting his learner's licence. He has his learner's and he is only a couple of months away from getting his P1s, and that is a good thing.

Certainly, in regard to the motorbike licensing regime, both my boys have worked in the region as recently as this harvest. Mack was working for Viterra at Coonalpyn, just down the road from where we live at Coomandook, and Angus was working for the Weckert family, who lease our property, operating the chaser bin and other jobs over harvest. The simple fact was that the only way he could get to work was on his motorbike, or get picked up and dropped off, so it was far more convenient.

Even knowing this legislation had not been in place, he did the rider training course at Murray Bridge, and I fully commend the program for rider training. It has riders of varying skills from nil skill through to people like my boys who have learnt to ride for quite a few years on the farm. I could go on with a whole range of stories of various things about off-road riding but that is not what we are here for today.

I think the training at those preliminary learners' training weekends is absolutely fantastic and there is an advanced course to go on further. I think it is a must. For the very reason I said before, it is not so much about the skill level of the rider, and you have to have that, noting that there are quite a few people who go to those training days who may not even have sat on a motorbike before or not had much experience. The more we can do to train them, the better off it is.

Sadly, if you look at the whole picture of motorbike accidents—and they feature too heavily in crash statistics throughout the state—there are people in the older brackets of plus 40, plus 50, which sadly I am in, who are out on their bikes and too many of them feature in accidents as well, so it is not just the youth. Last year, I was at the Training Awards for apprentices and trainees at Murray Bridge and one of the lads who was talked about that night was an apprentice or trainee, I cannot remember which, who crashed into a tree and subsequently lost his life. I do not know how family could ever manage the grief. They would never get over it.

We had some work done through the University of Adelaide in 2018 at the Centre for Automotive Safety Research. They released a report which outlined the key elements of an improved graduated licensing scheme for motorbike riders. It was prompted by the number of motorcycle fatalities increasing from eight in 2016 to 24 in 2017.

As I have indicated, the licensing scheme is a staged approach to obtain a full licence, with learners commencing in relatively low-risk situations. As a novice rider grows in knowledge, skills and on-road experience, the restrictions are gradually lifted as they progress through to an intermediate stage and then on to a full licence.

I note the shadow minister in May 2019 and in March 2020 introduced to parliament a private member's bill which, amongst other provisions, raised the minimum age at which a person can be issued a motorcycle learner's permit from 16 years to 17 years. That private member's bill did not include any exemptions for young people living in regional South Australia. But in January 2020, the Marshall Liberal government committed to introducing in parliament balanced reforms to the Graduated Licensing Scheme for motorcyclists.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport conducted a period of detailed stakeholder consultation on a draft amendment bill in June-July 2020. This bill gives effect to many of the recommendations and strengthens the motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme whilst providing those much needed exemptions for young people living in regional South Australia. As I spoke about earlier, there has been a form of graduated licensing in South Australia since 1989, with incremental improvements having been made over the past 30-odd years.

Primarily, the additional measures were focused on the Graduated Licensing Scheme for drivers rather than riders. The most recent improvements for the Graduated Licensing Scheme were introduced by the former Labor government back in 2014, with the exception of introducing night-time driving restrictions for learner motorcyclists under the age of 25 who do not hold a P2 or a full car licence. The improvements were targeted solely at novice riders.

Between 2015 and 2019, the trend in the young rider casualties, fatalities and serious injuries increased by an average of 12.5 per cent, whilst the trend in young driver casualties decreased by an average of 7.7 per cent. Recent research indicates that riders of motorcycles have a higher risk of injury and fatality than other road users and research also indicates that novice motorcyclists have a higher risk of crashing than experienced riders.

Crash statistics in this state obviously show that motorcyclists are over-represented in lives lost on our roads. Between 2015 and 2019, motorcycles on average accounted for 4 per cent of all registered vehicles; however (and this shows the link), motorcycle riders accounted for 15 per cent of all road fatalities and 19 per cent of serious injuries. The data also indicates that young riders in that young age group—the 16 to 19-year-old age group—are particularly over-represented. These young people account for approximately 5 per cent of the state's population yet accounted for 10.3 per cent of all the motorcyclist fatalities and serious injuries between 2015 and 2019.

A key component of keeping the good people of South Australia safe on the road is ensuring that road users have the necessary training and experience to be safe and responsible, so an improved Graduated Licensing Scheme for motorcycle riders will achieve this. The report I mentioned previously assessed studies from across the world to identify potential components for an improved motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme that had the greatest evidence of effectiveness.

CASR found that younger riders, whether new or fully licensed, have more crashes per distance travelled than older drivers. They also found that age, irrespective of experience, is an important factor in determining the risk of crash. At 16, South Australia currently has the equal lowest minimum age for motorcycle learner's permits in Australia, equal to the Northern Territory and Western Australia. It has therefore been recommended that the minimum age at which a person can obtain a motorcycle learner's permit be increased from 16 to 18 years of age. I just want to note that my youngest lad is still 16.

Currently, learner riders in South Australia are permitted to carry a pillion passenger who is a qualified supervising rider but, given the potential source of distraction that a pillion passenger can present and as the weight of any pillion passenger does increase the difficulty for a rider to remain balanced, it is also recommended that learner riders be prohibited from carrying any pillion passenger, including a qualified supervising rider.

At present, the law states that a learner rider aged under 25 who does not hold a driver's licence must hold a learner's permit for at least 12 months, whilst those over 25 must hold a learner's permit for at least six months. If a learner rider holds a driver's licence, it is recommended that they hold their learner's permit for a minimum of six months; however, this is not a requirement. A key component of the licensing scheme is to ensure that novice riders have the time to accumulate the necessary skills and experience to be safe riders. It is also recommended that the length of time taken to progress from a learner's permit to a full licence be three years.

Therefore, the minimum period a learner's permit must be held will be 12 months regardless of age or any other licences held. Accordingly, the minimum age at which a person can obtain an R-Date licence (provisional stage) will be 19 years; and an R-Date licence must then be held for a minimum of two years. As a result of these requirements, the minimum age a person can obtain a full R licence classification will be 21 years.

As I have outlined an example from my family, I would like to acknowledge the work that children and young people do in regional areas in South Australia. It does not have to be farm work; it might be getting to other work, whether it is in the fast food sector, a service station, or working in a range of roles such as a trainee in an electorate office. That might be the only way they have to get around, and I acknowledge that a vital part of this legislation is the exemption for regional riders because of the access they need, especially with the lack of public transport in country areas.

There was extensive stakeholder and community consultation in regard to this reform, and there was broad support for the majority of measures. Although community support for raising the minimum age to obtain a learner's permit to 18 years was lower than other measures, the exemptions included in this bill are likely to address much of the concern in the community. I think this will be a great measure not only for keeping people alive but also for getting young people on the road and able to get to work.

I did have the debate with my 18-year-old son at the time, young Mack, when he indicated that he was an adult and could do what he liked. I am just glad that now he has a '98 VS Holden Statesman, and he managed to get an exemption for that. It is a five-litre automatic, and it is fantastic, and he has far more steel around him than if he was riding a motorbike, and he is more than happy propelling that car around, whether it is in the city or taking it home to Coomandook.

I have heard too many stories from people who will never get over the grief of losing a young child to any accident, whether it be a motorbike accident or a car accident. I have certainly seen that in my local area at home. I do not think the pain and suffering would ever go away, so we must do everything we can to make people safer on the roads. A lot of people think it is a great imposition (and I have had this discussion with my boys around driver's licences and motorbike licences), but I say that it is the reality of being safe, of being able to get out and of not just surviving on the road but thriving.

It takes four years to get a full driver's licence, and it will now be several years to get a full motorbike licence, but at least you can ride on your own bike with a learner's permit and get an exemption as a 16 year old in a country area.

You might be a young bloke or a young lady riding between properties for your family or someone you work for, and it is vitally needed in those areas for access and for all the other roles I indicated earlier—just for the simple reason of getting around. The other side of it is that obviously

you simply cannot do it on a learner's permit in a car because you need someone with you. It is especially vital for the 16-year-old to 17-year-old age group to have access for getting to work and for the commuting they need to do.

Again, I must commend riding courses and the great job they do for the various skills of the people who take them. They give a valuable grounding in motorbike control and operation. Sadly, over times past, some people got their licence, thought that was great and, back in the day, they would buy a 900 Kawasaki, go out onto the road and it was all over in about five minutes. We cannot have that; we just cannot have that.

We will never stop the accidents completely, but the more we can do within reason not only to keep people safe but give them the right access to be on the road, I think is a step in the right direction and I commend the bill.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (16:04): I rise to speak on the Motor Vehicles (Motor Bike Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill 2020 and indicate that the opposition is intending to support the passage of this bill through this house, as always reserving our right to re-examine in the other place. I sincerely hope we can get through this today; it does not appear that we will. It does not appear that will get through the committee—

The Hon. V.A. Chapman: Why not?

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, I'm certainly hoping we can. I am open to finishing this bill today. We need to break at 4.30pm for other business, but I am hoping we can get through it expeditiously. This is a bill that has been a long time coming. I do think that some of the changes the government has made have some merit, and we will be talking about them in the committee stage, but I do not think it was worth 2½ years of waiting. I think we could have easily made some quick amendments to my bill and got this through 2½ years ago.

In any case, it is worth going quickly over the history. In 2017, there was a very large spike in motorcycle deaths and road trauma on our roads, so much so that a delegation came to see the then minister, the member for Kaurana, and urged him to take some action on specifically motorcycle road safety. As the previous speaker said, he commissioned a report from the Centre for Automotive Safety Research at the University of Adelaide, and they came back with a report recommending, among other things, an improved graduated licensing system.

Then, of course, there was the election. The CASR report sat on the minister's shelf for the best part of the year before, in frustration, the Motorcycle Riders Association, the Ulysses Club and others came to see me and the Leader of the Opposition begging for help. They had not been listened to by the government and they wanted help. They thought that this graduated licensing scheme, as outlined in the CASR report, was an essential component—not everything, and we will come to that—of making learner, young and novice riders safer on our roads.

I introduced a bill in May 2019 to this place and reintroduced it after prorogation. It is one of the oldest bills in this place, but not the oldest; the oldest was disposed of 10 minutes ago, I hope. It has sat on the Wednesday morning *Notice Paper* since then and was voted down many, many times by the government. We were told they were seeking consultation. If you talk to the motorcycle riders groups of various stripes, they will tell you that that consultation has not been particularly rigorous, particularly under the previous minister, although they do speak more highly of the current minister, it has to be said.

That is the history of it, and I think we have been over and over it. I am glad to finally see this legislation here. I will not go over the various provisions because, as I said, I hope to see this passed as quickly as possible, and the member for Hammond did a sterling job going over the provisions. I do think that there are a couple of differences in the bill we see today and in another bill. Although I understand it is unparliamentary, it is very difficult to speak about this bill without speaking about an almost identical bill, but I will press on until I am pulled up.

This bill, rather than mandate a 17-year-old lower limit for a learner's permit, pushes it up to 18. I admit that this is entirely consistent with the CASR report and, presumably, the research behind the CASR report. I spoke to, among others, the Motorcycle Riders' Association, the Ulysses Club and those groups they represent. They were very strongly of the opinion (and, as far as I am aware, still are very strongly of the opinion) that a balance should be made, and that balance would be to bring it down to the age of 17.

I am not going to press that point in this place. I think if the experts in CASR recommend a certain age limit, then I think that road safety and the experts' advice on road safety trumps consultation in this case. With that in mind, I will back the government's measure in this house to raise the learner's age from 16, through 17 to 18.

I should say that the government bill is almost identical in most other respects; it adds plenty of conditions and lengthens the graduated periods. But the main other difference is the carve out for rural riders. I will support that through this place, pending any disasters in the committee stage, but I do have various questions on how some of those clauses were arrived at. Presumably there was some consultation, if only with regional members of the Liberal Party; in any case, I intend to support those clauses because I think they may well serve a good purpose in some cases.

Again, in the spirit of expeditiously getting through this legislation, I will conclude my remarks and commend this bill to the house. So that I will not have to indulge in a third reading speech, I particularly want to thank the members of the Motorcycle Riders' Association, above all other groups, for their advice and for how forthcoming they have been with information and access throughout this process over the past few years.

I have built what I think is a solid relationship and friendship with some of those people and I hope that continues. I look forward to working together, while in opposition and in government, with the Motorcycle Riders' Association and their associated groups in furthering the interests of motorcycle road safety in this state.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (16:10): I rise today to speak on the bill currently before the house, which will change the law surrounding the way in which this wonderful state of South Australia governs motorbike rider licensing. The Motor Vehicles (Motor Bike Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill is in response to recent and some would say prolonged media attention surrounding the tragic deaths of motorcyclists on South Australian roads.

I would like to take this opportunity right at the start to commend the minister for attempting to solve that problem. Every single life lost on our roads is an absolute tragedy, and I note another one this week found its way into our news. They are absolute tragedies and anything the government can do in order to make our roads that little bit safer should be investigated. I believe this particular government has made great strides in addressing road surfaces on regional roads, which are one of the great causes of road fatalities. Those fixes have been long overdue and are certainly very welcome in our regional communities.

While this bill has good intentions at its heart, I do fear that it will not necessarily achieve its goal. Riding a motorbike is an inherently dangerous choice. There are none of the protections from which a car benefits: no enclosed structures to protect the driver, no airbags, no ABS brakes—none of the safety benefits that a car offers. Choosing to ride a motorbike is choosing a more dangerous mode of transport than might otherwise be on offer.

There are certainly other benefits that come along with choosing to ride a motorbike—a great deal many benefits, in fact—but it is unarguably a more dangerous choice. In my view, the only way to become a safer motorbike rider is through practice. One of the effects of this bill, which has already been well discussed in debate, will be to lift the age at which an aspirational motorbike rider can first obtain his or her learner's permit from 16 to 18. I worry that this will just shift the statistics from one age bracket to another.

The bill will succeed in ensuring that learner riders aged 16 to 18 will be much safer, but will give cause to a rise in the number of crashes involving those who have just turned 18 and obtained their learner's permit for the first time. The problem will remain, in my view, but will shift to a different age group. As I have said, the only way to become a better motorbike rider is by practice. With this bill, riders will only be able to begin to practise at 18 years of age. I think that view is shared in the very first paragraph of the Adelaide University paper entitled, 'Recommendations for a graduated licensing system for motorcyclists in South Australia'.

I equate it to speed limits. Every now and then, there is a concerted media push over the road toll in South Australia and politicians respond, eager to do something, and look for the levers they can pull in order to satisfy that media pressure. They often turn to the cheapest option: lowering the speed limit. Inevitably, that speed limit will be lowered. This happens on country and metropolitan roads. By far, the most famous—or perhaps infamous—example has been the repeated, concerted

efforts of the former Labor government to lower the speed limits on country roads rather than spend money on fixing them.

Speeding impacts road tolls, not speed limits. Statistics show there has been no appreciable difference in the road toll in the past decade, despite those concerted and repeated efforts by the former Labor government. In 2010, there were 118 fatalities on our road; in 2019, there were 114. In 2008, there were only 99 and, in 2016, there were 117. As I have said, motorcycling is a dangerous mode of transport.

In the years between and including 2017 and 2020, there were 24, 10, 17 and 19 fatalities on motorbikes, an average of 18 per year. Between 2012 and 2016, fatalities on motorcycles accounted for 12 per cent of total road fatalities and 17 per cent of serious injuries. Raising the minimum age of the licence is an attempt to limit newly licensed drivers to more mature prospective riders.

In a New Zealand study that was referenced in the Adelaide University paper, it was found that riders over the age of 25 had less than half the risk of those in the 15 to 19-year-old age bracket. It would seem inferred at least from that study that riders aged 18, who now stand to be brand-new learner drivers under the plan that is presented in this bill before us, have the same or at least a very similar risk profile to those in the current learner age bracket. It might be that 18 year olds are not all that much more mature than those who currently enjoy learner permit benefits.

As has been discussed already, there are significant difficulties providing training to motorbike learner riders, and it has been long accepted that it is unsafe for motorbikes to carry pillion passengers. Where car learner drivers have the benefit of a more experienced instructor riding along with them in the passenger seat, motorbike riders do not have that benefit.

However, I support an exploration of ways to provide young motorbike drivers with more comprehensive driving skills, such as defensive techniques around the dangers of travelling in variable conditions, such as on gravel or dirt, in rain, at night and through heavy traffic, and how to navigate poor surfaces, loose road edging and real-life road hazards. On country roads, in particular, all drivers experience challenging variable road conditions and widths, and all inexperienced drivers would benefit from additional training to make them safer.

I will be supporting this bill primarily because there has been an exemption provided for regional people. I have been assured by the minister and departmental officials that regional people will be able to ride their motorbike for certain reasons and that the benefit of the doubt will be given to those riders seeking to utilise those exemptions.

Regional people will be able to ride their motorbike to work and to other important engagements, like sporting events, as long as they carry a letter explaining their commitment on their person. This will include young farm workers required to travel across public roads and from paddock to paddock, which I am aware is common practice and undertaken on family farm motorbikes. I have been assured that it is envisaged that a letter from the parents on the novice rider will be sufficient evidence of the proper use of that exemption.

I have also been assured that there will be no extra bureaucratic burden placed on regional riders who need their licence to operate in their daily lives. Sixteen-year-old regional riders who wish to use their motorbike for legitimate uses will be able to show up to the motor registry in the same way that an 18-year-old rider would do so in the city. They will be able to access their licence in the same way that those in the city would, but will only be able to ride their motorbike for legitimate purposes under the exemption.

Finally, I have also been assured that the exemption is not designed to be prescriptive, rather that common sense should apply to enforcing it. Police should be empowered to allow regional riders to use their licence for legitimate purposes and give the benefit of the doubt to regional riders in policing it.

I will be supporting this bill and I anticipate that life will remain largely the same for regional riders. This is a wonderful, pragmatic outcome from this government that recognise that motorbikes are necessary for lots of regional people. In addition to that, the government has recognised that lower traffic roads, like regional roads, are less dangerous than busy metropolitan roads for novice riders. Despite my willingness to support this bill, I do retain concerns that lifting the minimum age

for a learner permit will only shift the statistics from one age bracket to another age bracket. Sixteen-year-old riders will be immeasurably safer, but I sincerely doubt whether 18-year-old riders will be.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (16:18): I rise today to briefly highlight my support for the Motor Vehicles (Motor Bike Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill. I thank previous speakers for their contributions to the debate on this bill.

It is well recognised that the operation of a motorcycle on our roads carries a higher risk of death or serious injury compared to other road users. I reference the statistics highlighted by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in his second reading of this bill that on average over a five-year period motorcycles account for 15 per cent of all lives lost and 19 per cent of serious injuries on South Australian roads.

These statistics are concerning and I am pleased that our government has seen fit to take action to amend and strengthen the provisions of the graduated licensing scheme with a view to providing perimeters that are targeted at driving these statistics down. Too many families have loved ones taken on our roads. I believe that the steps proposed in this bill can play a part in preventing loss and trauma.

The enhancements to the Graduated Licensing Scheme are focused on creating an environment where learner riders can gain important experience while driving under learner and probationary conditions. The measures detailed in this bill have been developed following the 2018 report recommendation for a graduated licensing system for motorcyclists in South Australia, prepared by the University of Adelaide's Centre for Automotive Safety Research. The measures were developed following community feedback and, I am informed, are supported by key stakeholders.

The provisions of the bill include that the minimum age to obtain a motorcycle learner's permit will move from 16 years to 18 years. This change aligns the responsibility for driving a motorcycle with the increasing maturity of our younger people as they progress through their teens. Notwithstanding this age change, from a regional member's perspective, in recognition of the limited transport options in regional South Australia, I welcome the provisions to allow for an exemption from the 18-year minimum age for young people living in regions. This flexibility is needed for our regional communities.

We know that in regions people often have to travel significant distances on a daily basis to go about their lives, work, education and recreation. From a practical perspective, this travel can be better facilitated for some of our young people through the use of a motorcycle. The provisions allow for an exemption, which will allow for the restricted motorcycle learner's permit for people who are at least 16 years of age. The bill provides that these young regional people are restricted in the use of a motorbike for the purpose of travel, where they are allowed to travel from their home to work, sporting activities, tertiary or vocational-based education.

While it is typically parents who assist to develop the skills of young drivers in our cars, there are some individuals who see a need to choose motorcycles as a mode of transport in order to achieve greater independence. The exemption will allow young apprentices to travel to work and vocational education. It provides flexibility for them to travel to sport practice and to competition, which would only otherwise be possible if they were dropped off by parents or another licensed driver.

I just want to make a point about the fact that we do have experience in this area with young people needing a motorcycle, particularly in agriculture. As highlighted by the members for Hammond and Narungga, agriculture does use motorbikes. It is important for these young people coming onto the property, who are given what I would call stock bikes, bikes that are used for mustering stock, which are generally bikes that are durable to go across either smooth or rough terrain, to also use our roads. They have to use them in a legal sense, so it is really absolutely significant. This government recognises that.

The other thing about this opportunity for young people is that getting people to stay in the country and giving young people the opportunity to be independent is actually going to help drive that workforce in regional South Australia and keep those young people in the regions forever and a day because they have started there, they did not have to move to the city, they did not have to think, 'Oh, I've got to go to the city because I can't even get to work or a workplace,' because everything is so restrictive because there is no public transport out there, for example. It is a wonderful analogy that this exemption has been made.

Another point that I think has not been picked up on in any discussion so far is that a motorbike is a cheap form of transport. It is one of the reasons that a lot of agricultural businesses move from horses to motorbikes and have not progressed any further, other than where necessary, e.g., aircraft, four-wheel-drive vehicles, helicopters and the like. The motorbike is still a very, very simple mode of transport. It is a cheap mode of transport. It is easy to maintain. It does not require a lot of energy and it does require a fair amount of skill and discipline to ride and drive these motorbikes without injury.

It is one of those things that we are constantly working with. It is constantly recognised. It is one of those things that we as managers are constantly working with staff to enforce. Obviously, the number one reason is that they are a dangerous item. The idiosyncrasy of a motorbike is that, if you actually stop and you do not put your legs down, you will crash. That is the absolute fact of the matter. It defies logic: why we are putting them on such modes of transport? Because they are manoeuvrable, they are cheap to operate and they can get around.

A two-wheeled pushbike is exactly the same. We do not stop two-wheeled pushbikes from going on the roads. They are a form of exercise, they are a form of transport. Again, if you do not put your feet down, you will actually crash when you stop. Taking all that into account, it is about good use of these items, good use of the technology, and recognising that they are a form of cheap transport that can do a notable number of jobs and tasks, everything from work to recreation. They are a mode of transport.

It is noteworthy that the other requirements of the graduated licensing system in the metro area apply to our regional motorcycles. These include the requirement for a motorcyclist to hold a motorcycle learner's permit for a minimum of 12 months. This is a shift from the current situation, where there is no minimum period. This will ensure that bike riders develop experience under learner's permit conditions.

Other requirements of the graduated licensing system include the restriction to not allow learner riders to carry a pillion passenger, or to have a sidecar or to tow a trailer. These restrictions minimise the risk of distractions and eliminate additional elements of risk for young riders.

Further key changes are aimed at ensuring that cyclists are riding bikes on which they have been tested, an extension of the period under which an R-Date licence classification needs to be held, which is now two years, rather than one. The more experience young riders can get under restricted conditions, the better.

The other thing I would like to say is that, although we are leaving the regional licence system at 16 years of age, I note that I know a lot of families have children who go out on motorbikes on family properties and they still have to cross a road or access a road. They cannot get a licence because they are not 16 years of age, and they literally break the rules by crossing a road, unless they walk the bike across.

There is a hole there I wish we could actually fix, but today I am very happy that the minister has seen fit to make regions the exception. I welcome the changes to the graduated licensing system and the recognition of a need for a different approach for the regional community. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (OMNIBUS) BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

RADIATION PROTECTION AND CONTROL BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed not to insist on its amendment No. 3 to which the House of Assembly had disagreed.

Sitting extended beyond 18:00 hours on motion of Hon. V.A. Tarzia.

*Auditor-General's Report***AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

In committee.

(Continued from 3 February 2021.)

The CHAIR: The house is in committee examining the annual report of the Auditor-General. The minister in the examination is the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. I welcome you and your advisers and also the member for Elizabeth. Member for Elizabeth, there is no need to stand when asking questions but could you please reference the page, at least, from which you are drawing your questions.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are we differentiating between the main agency report and the financial statement?

The CHAIR: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Which is curiously unnumbered. I want to thank the advisers for coming in; I appreciate this is an imposition at such a busy time. I want to go to pages 422 to 423 of the main report, where it talks about employee benefits liabilities. It points out that a large part of that is a \$14.9 million increase in annual leave liabilities, and I want to explore this a little bit. It also points out that this was the main factor in employee benefits liabilities. What is the general entitlement for annual leave in SAPOL? Is it six weeks of annual leave for a full-time sworn officer? I will start with an easy one.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: It states here that all leave was cancelled between 9 April and 13 May 2020. Was any annual leave cancelled after 13 May 2020, particularly regarding COVID-19? This is what it states here.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I thank the member for the question. I am advised that there were limits on leave. As the member can appreciate, obviously COVID-19 has had quite an impact on South Australia Police. Most accurately, the answer would be that it was actively managed. That issue was actively managed.

Mr ODENWALDER: There were limits on leave across the board. Was anyone exempt from having limitations placed on their leave—any particular ranks, or any particular positions?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Was anyone exempt from leave?

Mr ODENWALDER: Not asked to cancel their leave.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I thank the member for the question. I am advised that sworn and unsworn members did have limits. People could take leave, but it was actively managed.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you say that again, sorry?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Sworn and unsworn officers had limits. People could take leave; however, it was actively managed.

Mr ODENWALDER: Given that people's leave was cancelled and delayed, are SAPOL now on track to honour all their annual leave for this financial year, including what may have accrued during the cancellation period?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Can I get you to clarify when you say 'on track to honour'?

Mr ODENWALDER: By the end of this financial year, will all members have received all their annual leave entitlements, or will there still be some overhang?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am not trying to be tricky here, but the entitlement is still the entitlement. Obviously, how that entitlement is taken is a question for the future, but the entitlements remain their entitlements. Did you have anything more specific there?

Mr ODENWALDER: Ordinarily, people take their entitlement within the financial year to which it applies. By the end of this financial year, will all those members who wish to have been able

to take all their leave they are entitled to, including what they may have forgone in the previous financial year?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Obviously, the future of COVID presents many unknowns, but it is certainly something that we have to continue to monitor. As I pointed out, the entitlements of those police for this financial year do remain their entitlements and it is something that SAPOL will continue to monitor. It is part of the uncertainty that COVID presents.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have any employees been denied access to police service leave over this period, as distinct from annual leave?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Member for Elizabeth, I would be happy to take that on notice. It is also likely an aspect that has had to be managed because of the uncertainties the COVID-19 pandemic has presented.

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you also take on notice if any long service leave has been cancelled or delayed?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am happy to do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Similarly, if you cannot answer it, I would like to know how many people have had leave without pay denied or cancelled, how many applications for leave without pay have been made for the last financial year and up to this point, and how many have been refused and why.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: As it relates to COVID, member for Elizabeth?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am happy to take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: The Auditor notes that a number of employees with significant long service leave liabilities also left SAPOL in 2019-20. For the Auditor to note that, can you tell me what the number of employees with significant long service leave who left in 2019-20 was? Was that greater than previous years or greater than the average?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am advised that is not information I would have here at the moment but I am happy to take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: I might return to this in a moment. I just have a quick question and I want to refer to financial statement reference 4.1—there are no page numbers, helpfully—on supplies and services legal costs. I want to know if the government or the agency have received any requests from the Police Association for reimbursement for legal costs in relation to matters that have been found either not guilty or without conviction.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am happy to look into that for the member for Elizabeth. I am advised that we do not have that level of detail at the moment, but I am happy to provide that if it is available and appropriate.

Mr ODENWALDER: You will provide that and you will break it down?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: If it is available and appropriate.

Mr ODENWALDER: And amounts?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: We just do not have that level of detail at the moment.

Mr ODENWALDER: We will go to COVID on page 425 of the report. Obviously, we are all aware of the additional pressures it has put SAPOL under. Obviously, extra staffing was needed for the COVID response. Obviously, that has been met in other ways as time has gone by. In the reporting period, what effect did the extra staffing requirements have on other sections? Were there any sections that were significantly understaffed for any period?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I thank the member for the question. Obviously, as the member has alluded to, SAPOL has played a significant role in responding to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic here in South Australia. Ever since a major emergency was declared on 22 March last year, police resourcing, a redirection of resourcing, required to respond to COVID-19 in South Australia, has been driven by many requirements.

Operational requirements included, establishing and maintaining checkpoints at state borders at various times, checking compliance with self-quarantine requirements at Adelaide Airport, restrictions on public activities and gatherings, providing policing and security overlay at hotels used by SA Health for supervised quarantine and, of course, additional police resources were required to staff the Police Operations Centre. It was quite a task. I commend the police commissioner and his team because they also had to make sure that operational service delivery was maintained.

I am certainly not aware of any understaffing, as it was characterised, in any other area as a result. It has been a mighty effort by South Australia Police, and the recent RoGS data shows that they have put in an absolutely sterling effort and I think that is why they enjoy the highest public confidence of any police force in Australia at the moment.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you are telling me that throughout the reporting period COVID had no appreciable effect on any section that was not related to COVID in terms of staffing? There were no shift changes, there was no reduction in staff hours across different sections at all at different stations?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I thank the member for the question. I am certainly not aware of understaffing in any areas as a result but, obviously, SAPOL had to conduct a whole range of policing/active resourcing. That all certainly meant that there had to be redirection of resourcing at various times to make sure that they could do things, as I said, to establish and maintain checkpoints at state borders, the Airport, self-quarantine, public gatherings and activities, continue to provide a police and security overlay at hotels by SA Health and provide additional police resources to staff the POC. I will also take advice and see if there is anything else to add.

Member for Elizabeth, obviously there would have had to have been various shift changes, appreciable differences in those shift changes, but at the same time service delivery was maintained across the board.

Mr ODENWALDER: Perhaps understaffing was a leading term: we will call it reductions in staffing. Did the SAPOL contribution of staff to the Multi-Agency Protection Service, for instance, remain steady over the reporting period and in the six months following that, or was there a reduction in SAPOL staffing at that service? Perhaps while your adviser is standing up, the prosecution service too?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Member for Elizabeth, to perhaps provide an overview of various aspects, I might take that on notice. That way I can go back, get up-to-date information and provide, if you like, an overview of what you are seeking rather than me just speaking in more general terms. If you are after something in particular, I am happy to take that on notice and provide what I can, if it is appropriate.

Mr ODENWALDER: I appreciate that minister, yes. Most of the spending in terms of COVID-19 is related to staffing. How much spending was there on other non-staff resourcing, and what was that spending on? The report specifically refers to unbudgeted increases in expenditure, particularly employment benefits, and supplies and services.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am advised that SAPOL incurred additional unbudgeted COVID-19 expenditure in employee benefits of \$3.2 million and also supplies and services of \$3.4 million, in 2019-20. Supplies and services expenses increased due to the purchase of additional personal protective equipment. Other equipment: there was also cleaning, as the member would appreciate. That cleaning subject includes facilities, operational equipment and vehicles.

There was also IT and communications, including additional working from home capability, because obviously it was quite a disruption, and many people were able to work from home. Obviously, this is an insidious disease, which is why services were affected the way they were and that expenditure on equipment and cleaning had to be made. That also brought with it increased travel and accommodation requirements.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will go to 2.6 of the financial statement, which talks about net gain from the disposal of property and other assets. It notes again, from land and buildings, \$316,000. Can you tell the committee what property was sold for \$316,000?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Member for Elizabeth, I am advised that is from the sale of the old Roxby Downs Police Station.

Mr ODENWALDER: How much is the government hoping to get for the Stirling Police Station?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I see the former Treasurer. He would appreciate that some of this information would be commercial-in-confidence. We may not necessarily want to advertise the exact price which we might want to obtain for that particular item.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: You have to publish a price range.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am advised we may not want to. It may not be in the public interest at the moment.

Members interjecting:

The CHAIR: Order! Minister, you are answering the question.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: That is what I am advised but, if that is incorrect or there is an updated position that I am advised, then I am happy to provide it. But that is my advice at the moment.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is currently for sale, though, isn't it? It is on the market right now.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: As I understand it, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: At no published price range?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I think the question is more about the government's expectation on what we expect it to sell for.

Mr ODENWALDER: What other police stations are the government intending to sell? Are you intending to sell Kalangadoo, Kingston, Robe, Lucindale, Beachport or Port MacDonnell police stations?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: No, not that I am aware of.

Mr ODENWALDER: Will you rule that out?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I do not see how that is relevant to the 2019-20 financial statements but not to my knowledge, not that I am aware of.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can we ask if anybody knows?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I refer to my previous answer.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will stay on the financial statement at 5.3, property leased by SAPOL. When will the Hindley Street Police Station cease operating on its current site?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am not sure how that relates to the 2019-20 financial statements. Member for Elizabeth, because I do not want to mislead the member, I will make sure that if it is appropriate I will bring back an updated exact time line.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay, so you are not aware of any time line at all?

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, it is probably more of a question for estimates, I would suggest.

Mr ODENWALDER: Alright, yes.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: The member for Elizabeth has asked me about this in the house before, Chair, and I did make it known that the site was moving to another site. But I am happy to take that particular question on notice and provide an up-to-date time line as to when the site is moving from one site to another in that precinct.

Mr ODENWALDER: Time is running away from us, so I will move to page 420 of the main report. Can you confirm, as it states in the Auditor's report, that the average increase in salary for a SAPOL sworn officer will be 2.5 per cent per year over the next three years? I beg your pardon, it does state that, but can you confirm that it was 2.5 per cent from 1 July 2018 to the end of this year?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I think you have answered your own question. What was the—

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you confirm, as the Auditor has stated, that the average increase was 2.5 per cent per year over this reporting period?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Over the last three years?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes; from 1 July 2018. That is what it says here.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am pretty confident that the Auditor-General is correct.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, we only have a few minutes left. Did you want to move on? I do not mind; I am in your hands.

Mr ODENWALDER: I thought we had two hours.

The CHAIR: Well, I have two hours; you do not.

Mr ODENWALDER: I might ask for Corrections then, sadly. I go to page 80 of the main report, which talks about the servicing of X-ray machines. I assume these are X-ray machines for visitors, or are they for prisoners, or both?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I am advised they are for both.

Mr ODENWALDER: The Auditor-General is very concerned about the level of servicing. The Adelaide Remand Centre, surprisingly, and Yatala have quarterly servicing at their sites, but the maintenance plans for the remaining three sites do not include regular servicing of the X-ray machines located there. The Auditor-General has noted that this could lead to premature equipment failure or malfunction. Has DCS now reviewed and amended its procedures regarding the testing and servicing of X-ray machines?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Yes, I am advised we have. I am advised that DCS certainly acknowledges that the compliance requirements of the Radiation Protection and Control Act must be adhered to due to safety and also security reasons. I am also advised that DCS has reviewed and amended its procedures for the maintenance and servicing of its baggage X-ray equipment at all sites to include the requirement that the scheduling of quarterly servicing be included in the DCS annual preventative maintenance plan, and that DCS complies with all aspects of the Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982. It is to be noted that the servicing of baggage X-ray equipment, I am advised, has been completed at all sites, so that finding, from a DCS point of view, is considered finalised.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are confident that will continue every six months, as the Auditor appears to suggest is correct?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: That is my advice, member for Elizabeth.

Mr ODENWALDER: I go to page 79 to 80, which talks about condition assessments for all DCS facilities. It notes that as of 30 June 2019, the only DCS facility that had been assessed was the Adelaide Remand Centre. When was that assessment undertaken, and was any further work done as a result of that assessment?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I thank the member for Elizabeth for the question. I will have to take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: This year's audit also noted that it appears the only other condition assessment that has been done is at Cadell; is that right? No other facilities have had a condition assessment undertaken?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: At the time of the audit that was correct, but I understand that other sites are also having it conducted.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are they? Okay.

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: That was it.

Mr ODENWALDER: Does this mean it is the government's intention to privatise the Cadell facility now? Is that what we are doing? We are cleaning it up to sell it?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: Definitely not.

Mr ODENWALDER: Definitely not. You are ruling out privatising the Cadell facility?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I refer you to my earlier answer.

Mr ODENWALDER: Will you rule out privatising any other facilities?

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, that question is—

Mr ODENWALDER: Coached by the finest legal mind in the country.

The CHAIR: Order, member for Elizabeth!

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry, I am running out of time, sir.

The CHAIR: Time is of the essence here.

Mr ODENWALDER: I apologise and withdraw.

The CHAIR: That question is more suited to the estimates committee.

Mr ODENWALDER: Did the condition assessment at the Adelaide Remand Centre include assessments based on security risk? Were any risks identified and what actions were taken as a result of those identifications?

The Hon. V.A. TARZIA: I will take that on notice, member for Elizabeth.

The CHAIR: Time has expired. The bell went, member for Elizabeth. That completes the examination of the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. We now move to primary industries. Welcome to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, his advisers and the member for Ramsay. I will open this session of the examination of the Auditor-General's Report. Member for Ramsay, could you refer to your page or line in the report from where you are drawing your questions. Thank you.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, I refer to Report 13, Part C, page 389. I refer to the drought assistance program that was announced in December 2019. It states that only \$2.1 million had been spent by 30 June last year out of a total of \$21 million. Why has your department only released 10 per cent of the drought assistance funds?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Thank you for that question. That \$21 million was to be spread over two budgets, so \$9 million was allocated into the 2019-20 year and \$12 million into the 2020-21 year. The expenditure that occurred in the 2019-20 year was \$4.3 million of which \$2.1 million related to grants under various components of the package, which included the on-farm water rebate scheme which is \$1.35 million; local council rates scheme, \$441,000; and the Rural Financial Counselling Service, \$305,000. There has been a great uptake for the On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme since that date as well, to the point that it was oversubscribed and we are negotiating with the federal government to get their support for further expenditure in that package.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: But the Auditor-General was correct that only \$2.1 million had been spent? You said another figure. Is he correct or are you correct?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: There was \$2.1 million specifically spent on grants but there was \$4.3 million spent in total.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I refer to Report 13, Part C, page 389, which states that there has been a \$6.7 million increase this past year on contractors and temporary staff expenses for the fruit fly outbreak management and implementing the state's zero tolerance policy. Why is it that despite the state government spending an additional \$6.7 million, fruit fly outbreaks are out of control, and we are seeing schoolkids banned from bringing fruit in their lunch boxes across 297 suburbs in Adelaide?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Thank you very much for the question. It is a very important question, and it is something that we are taking extremely seriously. We are very much making sure that we get the resources on the ground and the extra staff to go into people's properties to help clean up the fruit that may be on the ground under fruit trees, to make sure people know what needs to be done.

Also there is the baiting that is required around the outbreak centre itself; there is a 200 metre circle where baits are placed that need to be applied and managed along with traps over a period of time on a very regular basis requiring a very large workforce to do that. It is very important that we continue to follow those protocols.

The reason for an increase in outbreaks this year: the advice that I was given is that the seasonal conditions have actually been perfect for fruit fly. They like the season that we have had, so we have seen their ability to evade us and breed up—it has been greater than normal. But we continue to throw everything we can at it, including the sterile fruit fly that are released into these zones to make sure that we minimise the ability for new larvae to be hatched in fruit and minimise that spread.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: You spent \$6.7 million. Was that spent on contractors in metropolitan Adelaide or in the Riverland?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: At that stage all the expenditure has been in metropolitan Adelaide during that year, because the outbreaks in the Riverland have occurred since the end of the financial year.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: There was \$10 million spent on fruit fly biosecurity response activities and \$6.7 million spent on contractors and temporary staff. What was the remainder spent on?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised the expenditure in that space would have been very much around the operation itself, so there would be expenditure on vehicles and fuelling of those vehicles. There would be expenditure on gear required. There would be extra money spent on traps. There would also be significant extra money spent on the sterile fly program to make sure that the flies were available that needed to be dispersed.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: And how much was spent on publicity?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: We are going to have to take that on notice. We do not have it specifically broken down into that detail here.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously, there is considerable concern about public education, so I think the people of South Australia are very interested in knowing how much money was spent.

The CHAIR: I will take that as a comment, member for Ramsay.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I refer to Report 13, Part C, page 391. The Auditor-General has found issues with your department's legislative compliance framework, despite reporting in 2018-19 that it was not satisfactory. Why were the compliance issues still not fixed after being raised in the 2018-19 report?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: PIRSA acknowledged the Auditor-General's findings regarding the legislative compliance framework and the requirement for implementing a coordinated approach to monitoring and assessing legislative obligations and for this to be embedded within PIRSA's governance and compliance requirements.

As acknowledged by the Auditor-General in his 2019-20 report, significant work had been undertaken on the legislative compliance framework, the procedures and the register, which has been developed and implemented. The updated legislative compliance policy procedure and register were approved by the executive team on 6 October 2020. The next steps are to integrate the legislative compliance documents into individual business areas to ensure centralised monitoring and reporting of breaches as per the updated risk management policy.

Reporting to the executive is now aligned with the existing quarterly reporting provided. It is intended for this to be completed by June 2021 and will enable a central monitoring register of all legislative compliance responsibilities.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Let's move to Report 13, Part C, page 392. Can you confirm that it is the biosecurity division that has responsibility for fruit fly?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Yes.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The report states that the biosecurity division did not have a structured or formal program to assess legislative compliance and report breaches. Why does the division that looks after fruit fly fail to have a structured program to ensure compliance?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I have been informed that it was not that it was not compliant, it has actually just been adjusted to fit within a framework.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I am sorry, minister, I do not quite understand what you mean. Why did they not have a formal program?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I have been advised that it is more around it not having a documentation of the formal program.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: That would be compliance. How many breaches were not reported, and what were the breaches?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised that there were no breaches that we are aware of.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: But, minister, if you did not have a compliant program—as the Auditor has raised—how would you know? Let's move on. Can you guarantee that there have been no other breaches that have been missed or hidden because you failed to have an appropriate program to identify and report breaches?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Again, I have been advised that the structure of the program was in place for the statutory compliance, but it was not documented as a framework.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Alas, that is why it was not compliant. The Auditor-General has stated that the risk management framework needs improvement. Why is such a critical process such as risk management substandard in a department that oversees biosecurity issues such as fruit fly?

The CHAIR: Could you just repeat that question for my sake, please?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: My concern here is that it was raised in 2018-19, and now the Auditor has said it is not compliant and it needs improvement. I am greatly concerned, as I am sure the people of South Australia are, that this has been substandard, and now we have a fruit fly outbreak and the department has erred.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: The audit recommendation was that we update the risk management policy and risk management procedures to clarify the responsibility and processes of a new risk to be added or changed to the assessment of an existing risk in the strategic or divisional risk register. This recommendation has a medium rating and was raised as part of the interim audit 2019-20.

The review was completed prior to 30 November 2020 in accordance with the scheduled due date. The framework continues to align to ISO 31000:2018 in accordance with the state government's directive. The framework will be presented to the executive leadership team for approval in February and has, I have been advised this week, been approved.

RiskConsole is a new whole-of-government risk management application that will assist in improving governance, and the framework will include the use of RiskConsole across the agency's risk management processes. RiskConsole includes the functionality of an audit log to track changes, deletions to risks, ensuring that changes are appropriate. All internal and external audit actions have been added to RiskConsole for ongoing management of due dates and completion.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Just let me clarify that in 2018-19 the Auditor-General raised with your department his concerns with compliance, and it is only in February, this month, this week, that your department has now updated this compliance. It seems somewhat that the horse has already bolted.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: As I stated, the review was completed by 30 November and has been in accordance with the scheduled due date, as required by the Auditor.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: On the same topic, just to clarify about the aspects of the framework that have changed, you mentioned track changes and RiskConsole, what else did your department determine needed to be changed in order for you to be compliant?

The CHAIR: Member for Ramsay, while the minister is seeking advice, we are halfway through our session now, did you want to do any regional development at any point, or are you happy to stay with this? I do not mind; it is up to you.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: There may well be an opportunity.

The CHAIR: Yes, that is fine.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised there were no other issues. It was just about the documentation into the framework.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Are you willing to table that new framework, given it has just recently been updated and was such a cause of the Auditor-General's for its lack of compliance?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I will have to take that under consideration. It is departmental policy, so I will have to consider that.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Referring to the same page, page 392, I turn to the Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries grants. On this page, it states that the objective of this grant program was to assist primary producers who suffered direct damage from a bushfire disaster in 2019-20 with immediate recovery costs. The graphs on page 393 show that more than a quarter of all applicants had to wait for more than a month to be paid after their applications had been approved. Do you think that it was acceptable that people suffering from bushfire disasters were still forced to wait more than a month to receive the relief, which was to be immediate relief, even though their applications were approved?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Thank you for those comments. The Auditor-General did point out there was an improvement over time. There were some initial delays. The delay in payments was initially due to waiting for tax invoices to approve applicants to be processed, as well as initial delays after having to establish applicants' vendor details for payments, which were all due to people having lost all their documentation, etc. This made it very difficult for people to be paid because we had to establish where to pay them. So there were some challenges in the initial stages.

When you go through the full applications, there were 260 applicants, and 169 of them were approved within two weeks—that is, 65 per cent of them. Sixty per cent were approved in the two to four-week period, and then there were 31 applicants that were above that four-week time frame.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, what was the longest time it took for an applicant to be paid after being approved?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I do not have the detail of the longest, but there were 10 applicants who took over six weeks. Some of that would have been very much waiting on details from those applicants to make sure that we were able to establish their claim and where to pay them.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I understand you introduced a streamlined process, which you touched on. Even then, more than 20 per cent of people were still not being paid within two weeks of approval, despite this being urgent recovery. How was it determined who was paid first?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: It is my understanding that once those application were ready to be paid, they were paid. Effectively, once all the details were there and it was able to be verified that it was being paid in accordance with the guidelines and we were able to work out which bank account it could be paid into, those applicants were paid.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I understand that \$19.7 million was paid out to applicants. How much is left in that fund? Minister, do you need to take that on notice? You seem not to have that information before you.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: My understanding is that this program was a responsive budget, so effectively the money that was available was what was actually needed. Depending on how many applicants there were, that is what was paid out. There is nothing left underspent.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: So it was returned to Treasury?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: It never came from Treasury until it was required.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Do you think the amount of money that you had for those bushfire grants was adequate?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: These grants were paid to primary producers. They were paid to people who received more than 51 per cent of their income from primary production and who were able to demonstrate loss. We made this program available right up until the end of December 2020, so people were able to apply right up to that date. We paid out, as I said, just under \$25 million, which was a total of 414 applicants. We only paid out what was asked for. We could not have paid any more because no more was asked for.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously, I have touched on the delays in some of these payments. Are you aware of any other grant programs administered by your department where people have had lengthy delays in receiving payments even though they have been approved?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised there are no known issues in relation to that. The issue in the delay in grants being paid is the lack of information required to process those grants. That is where the hold-ups apply in grants being expended out.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Looking at page 393, the Auditor-General recommended that your department update guidelines to include examples of additional supporting documents that may be helpful for applicants to submit. When did that occur? This is still in reference to the grants.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised that there have been continuous changes to improve, basically, since April, making sure that as we became aware of an issue in understanding that information, if there was a way of clarifying that, changes were made. There has also, more recently, been an online version that is making it easier for people to complete.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The Auditor mentioned to you and recommended that you work with Shared Services SA in ways to reduce the payment time and establish clear expectations regarding roles and responsibility and time frames for payment, but he also acknowledges that you are yet to respond to their findings. Why did you not respond to the Auditor-General?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: I am advised that it is a matter of timing. It was a short time prior to the publishing of this report that the finding was presented to the department, and the response just was not back prior to the publishing of the report. Certainly, it is back and has been dealt with.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, can I now turn to page 400—which may require a change. There was one new loan that was approved on the Loans to Cooperatives Scheme for \$28.6 million; who was that to?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Cabinet approved a \$28.55 million loan to Almondco Australia Ltd under the Loans to Cooperatives Scheme during September 2019 to assist Almondco to expand and improve its Renmark almond processing facility. Projects funded include:

1. project enhancement of \$25.3 million to construct a new almond processing facility;
2. project 2020, \$2.7 million to construct and equip an almond sorting room; and
3. project wastewater of \$550,000 to install an on-site wastewater treatment plant.

Almondco has drawn down \$20.05 million of the \$28.55 million loan, following the provision of evidence to confirm the project works complete. Of that, in the 2019-20 year, there was \$10.7 million drawn down; the rest is as of 21 January this year. Treasury approved a budget variation of \$1½ million to the \$17.85 million for 2020-21 for Almondco's loans, the remaining funding of the \$8.5 million fund future loan drawdowns during 2021. The Almondco loan is the only current loan from the Loans to Cooperatives Scheme.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, did any other companies or cooperatives apply for loans?

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Not during that time frame, no.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Looking at page 395, the report states that there was a \$4.4 million increase in the South East Forestry Partnerships Program, including a \$3 million payment to DPTI as a contribution towards the Mount Gambier Airport development. Can you please provide a breakdown of the remaining \$1.4 million?

The CHAIR: So, member for Ramsay, you are asking for breakdown of the balance of the \$1.4 million?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The Auditor-General makes a note that there was \$4.4 million and it talks about \$3 million. I am asking where the other \$1.4 million was spent.

The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM: Rather than hold up others, we will take that on notice.

The CHAIR: Thank you, minister, thank you member for Ramsay, thank you advisers. That brings to an end the examination of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. We will now move to the Minister for Trade and Investment who has been waiting patiently. The minister's advisers are in place. I would like to make a short statement, if I may here. I refer to Part A of the Auditor-General's Report, Executive Summary, which states:

...all financial reports are published on the Auditor-General's Department website once the audit of the agency is finalised.

A list of the agencies not included in my Annual Report is provided in the Annexure to Part A.

I note that the Department for Trade and Investment and StudyAdelaide are listed in the annexure to Part A as not being included in the report. I further note that the agency statements for the Department for Trade and Investment and StudyAdelaide have been published on the Auditor-General's website.

Based on the referral of the Auditor-General's Report 2019-20 to the Committee of the Whole and reference in the report to agency statements being published on the Auditor-General's Department website, I am prepared to accept questions based on the financial statement of the Department for Trade and Investment and StudyAdelaide now published. Is that clear?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Chair, I do have a concern, because obviously the Auditor makes commentary across all of government. Why this department was not audited—I think it is appropriate for me to ask questions from the Executive Summary and the Controls Opinion.

The CHAIR: That is quite within order, member for Ramsay; or, you can in turn refer to the financials—

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I do have the financial statements.

The CHAIR: —but please do refer to the page.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Certainly. Minister, can I point you to the Auditor-General's Report (Report 13), Part A, page 57. The Auditor-General has published the DTI financial statements but, as we have heard, has not included the department in this report. Why was your department not included?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: That is a question for the Auditor-General.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: You are the only department that was not included. Were you unable to make yourselves available to the Auditor-General?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am not advised that is the case. The Auditor-General has issued an unmodified opinion on the Department for Trade and Investment's 2019-20 financial report.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously, as we have spoken about, the Auditor-General provides an Executive Summary and talks about Controls Opinion. Did his audit provide any findings for DTI to consider?

The CHAIR: As in his general audit, to be considered by this particular department?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Yes.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am advised that the Auditor-General's 2019-20 audit did not identify any issues of significance.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Can you say that again?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am advised that the Auditor-General's audit did not identify any issues of significance.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I move to Report 13, Part A, page 35. Given that there are roughly 2,900 merchandise exporters in South Australia, how many export businesses received the small business emergency grants?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: That is a question best asked of the Treasurer.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I would think as the minister you might have some interest within that. I guess, in that same term, the Auditor-General mentions that it is only businesses with a

turnover of more than \$75,000 that were eligible. Do you have data that is available to you to know how many of the exporting businesses were eligible to receive a small business emergency grant, given that the turnover had to be \$75,000?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: We certainly have a database that tracks all export businesses regardless of their turnover.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Perhaps you could take that on notice because it would be very interesting to know the conversations that took place from Treasury and Finance. Obviously, exports were massively impacted by COVID-19. Did you hear from Treasury and Finance? Did you have any correspondence about how many export businesses received the grants?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: We certainly deal with the Treasurer's department in regard to this. In regard to that question, the emergency small business grants scheme is administered by the Treasurer. Of course, we have our own grants program for those export-focused businesses. As I said, we have a large number on our database that we deal with on a one-on-one basis.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously this is important because the Auditor-General spoke quite in detail about the impacts of COVID-19, so that is a concern. If we can move now to page 38, also in reference to the impacts of COVID-19, and talk about the additional funding for the Economic and Business Growth Fund. What role does DTI play in approving Economic and Business Growth Fund applications?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Did you say improving?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Approving.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Our department is on a committee that is used to approve those grants and also there is ministerial input.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Perhaps you could elaborate, minister: is this a governance group for the fund, or is this an approval group for the fund?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: The committee is in charge of the governance and then final approval goes with cabinet.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Who takes it to cabinet?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: These grants are across multiple departments, so it would be specific to whichever minister had carriage of that department.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Thank you for that because I am keen to understand how many of these fund applications you had carriage for.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: That is not relevant to the Auditor-General's Report.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I am going to have to disagree with you. It is very clear that the Auditor-General talks about COVID-19 impacts and about government response and one of the key responses was additional funding for the Economic and Business Growth Fund, which you are a key participant, so I think it is a relevant question.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I agree we are a key participant.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: You are not going to answer that question?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: It is not relevant to this report. Certainly, there are other forums to ask those questions.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Chair, I disagree.

The CHAIR: That is fine, but I would remind the member for Ramsay that ministers can answer questions however and in whichever form they wish, so we probably need to move to the next question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Before I move on, in regard to financial controls, what role does DTI play regarding the Economic and Business Growth Fund and this additional money? Do you provide submissions about recommendations?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Where a bid into this fund goes ahead and is applicable to either trade or investment, we are actively involved, whether we will be putting it forward ourselves or whether there is a potential grant that would involve trade and investment.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Thank you, minister. Let's now turn to page 42. Am I correct in assuming that DTI receives, and is privy to, commercial-in-confidence data from various private businesses, for example, for a grant application purpose? Do you have cybersecurity processes in place to ensure the safety of this data?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am certainly advised that we have cyber protocols in place. At a general level, it is an important aspect having cybersecurity. Obviously, the Premier, in his Auditor-General's examination, canvassed this; it is ultimately his department's responsibility.

I should note that, from a trade and investment point of view, the establishment in Lot Fourteen of the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre is critical to the South Australian industry, South Australian business, because there are tangible threats to businesses' intellectual property, their proprietary information, so it is vital to our state that we have that established here.

Going forward, our department is certainly investigating how we can work to assist businesses to become more and more cyber safe. I see that as a critical role that will really help businesses in South Australia and also Australia-wide, as it is, as I said, the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Your department is not located at Lot Fourteen. My question is very specific as to what the Auditor-General raised about his concerns regarding cyber attacks and the increased cybersecurity monitoring of COVID-19 cyber attacks. My question is: what have you as a department got in place to ensure the safety of the data of South Australian businesses that you engage with?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am advised that our cybersecurity protocols are in line with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's guidelines. In fact, we were one of the first departments to put that in place.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Obviously, this has been a concern of the Auditor-General because he talked about it quite substantially. Your department is privy to sensitive government and private sector data. I understand that many of your departmental staff worked from home during the COVID period. Did you implement a strict cybersecurity program or measures during this work-from-home period?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: As I said before, and can confirm, we were complying with the cybersecurity in line with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's guidelines. I am further advised that the staff, while they were working from home, all used their government devices, which, as I said, had been set up in line with the cybersecurity protocols.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Did DTI experience any cyber attacks during this audit period?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am advised that they did not.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: That is good to hear. Did you, as minister, proactively seek any briefings or information to ensure that DTI and government data was kept secure? Obviously, this has been raised by the Auditor-General. Did you proactively seek to ensure that you are up to date?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: You will of course be aware that this committee is dealing with the 2019-20 year; I was not the minister.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Do you have any knowledge of the former minister proactively seeking to ensure that DTI was not making itself open?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I have been advised that he was aware of the cybersecurity protocols and that we were complying with them. As I said before, I was advised that there were no breaches in that period, so I feel that he was proactive in his approach.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, we have trade offices around the world. How are they supported to prevent cybersecurity attacks?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Our trade offices are co-located within Austrade. I will detail further in the response the ones that are not, but those that are co-located in Austrade leverage the federal government's security protocols that are in place there. In terms of offices not co-located with Austrade in the UK, they sit inside Australia House and so benefit from the security protocols there, as do our sister state agencies as well.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Regarding the trade offices, obviously the impact of COVID-19 has been severe, in other countries more so than in Australia. What did you do during this time to make sure that those offices representing South Australia were safe?

The CHAIR: Safe from COVID or safe from cyber attack?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Safe from COVID and the impacts of COVID, which obviously includes cyber attacks.

The CHAIR: So just safe in general.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Yes, safe in general.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: As I said, they were co-located with the Australia offices, predominantly, so they had the overarching guidelines that came about from a federal point of view. From a department point of view, we were in constant contact with those employees at home because with virtual conferencing we were able to actually speak with them and provide them with briefings around health protocols as well.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Good to hear. Minister, can I turn now to the financial statements that were included in the Auditor-General's Report. Looking at financial statement note 4.1, there were seven consultancies engaged in 2019-20.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Sorry, which page, just to get me there quicker?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: There is no page number. It is 4.1 under 'Notes' at the end.

The CHAIR: It is 4.1, and the query is in relation to consultants. Have you found it, minister?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Go ahead, and if I need to go to a different page, I will beg your indulgence.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, seven consultancies were engaged in 2019-20. What was the nature of these consultancy agreements?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Just define what you mean by 'nature', and then I can maybe give you a little bit more detail.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: What programs were they for? What were the consultancies for?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: My advice is that the nature of some of them was around providing a scoping study to define the final suite of services, eligibility, data requirements and delivery options for one of our programs, the global expansion accelerator.

There was also some advice on a digital interface for new investors and how to provide improved digital support to grow South Australia's economy and global reputation. This is around boosting our digital supply and assistance to both exporters and investors. There was also some advice on international media strategy development as well to allow us to engage in market and be able to effectively do so depending on what country we are trying to target.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Did any of these consultancies occur after the axing of Brand SA, and you were then responsible for promotions SA?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I am advised no.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, would you be willing to take on notice and table a full breakdown of consultants engaged, the nature of the engagement and the budget?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: To my knowledge, we answered this as part of the omnibus questions delivered in estimates.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: I will wait to get those omnibus answers. Can I continue now on the financial statement, looking at note 4.3, grants and subsidies. My question is: there was

\$1.8 million in grants paid out in 2019-20 in investment attraction. Are these remnants of the economic investment fund commitments?

The CHAIR: Member for Ramsay, could you just repeat that? I have the budget line. What was your question in relation to that \$1.8 million?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Is that \$1.8 million payout figure, or grants and subsidies paid out, the remnants of the economic investment fund commitments?

The CHAIR: You want to identify that \$1.8 million?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Yes.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Just so I answer you correctly, do you mind repeating that? Is it the remnants of—

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The economic investment fund. Perhaps it may help you just to detail how that \$1.8 million through investment attraction was expended.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Just to help you out, I am advised that \$300,000 of that \$1.8 million mark you mentioned was under the economic investment fund.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Who was that for?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: I will take that on notice.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: The \$300,000 was the economic investment fund. What was the remainder of the money under the investment attraction line spent on?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: It was \$1 million for Food SA and the rest was in grants.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: After the axing of Brand SA, that \$1 million was then given to Food SA?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: That is not a question. As I said, it was \$1 million for Food SA.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Just to clarify, minister, that \$1 million from the investment attraction grants line went to Food SA?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: Yes, I refer to my previous answer.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Are you able to detail information from the other grants programs that you have here? Obviously, it is international education, tourism and trade. Can you detail some of the grants that you have there, perhaps the most significant ones?

The CHAIR: It is headlined as grants and subsidies.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: To make it easier, if you could detail the key grants and subsidies—obviously not each and every one, but the main subsidies and grants.

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: In terms of international education, a key one there was StudyAdelaide. In terms of tourism, a key one was the convention bid fund. In terms of trade, the key ones there are the SA Export Accelerator and also the eCommerce Accelerator.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Turning now to note 3.3, employees' benefits expenses, the Auditor-General noted in your financial statements that 25 employees had been given TVSPs in the past two financial years. Are there any more TVSPs planned for this financial year and, if so, how many, and what are the nature of the roles?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: There are no planned TVSPs for this year, but I should note that we are dealing with the 2019-20 year, so that question would have been a good one for estimates.

The CHAIR: Point of clarification, member for Ramsay: I am reading the page, and at 3.3 the number of employees who received a TVSP during the reporting period was nine. That is what I am reading.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: We are talking about the last two financial years.

The CHAIR: You are talking about the last two years, even though we are investigating the 2019-20 year?

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: It appears I erred, Chair.

The CHAIR: With one minute to go, we will have one further question.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON: Minister, I refer back to Part B, page 37 of Report 13. The Auditor-General makes some comments about different levels of workforce planning maturity. I understand that nearly one in four of all the workforce appears to have worked in DTI for less than a year. Given that the Auditor-General provides express concern regarding dramatic shifts in departmental workforces, are you concerned about this dramatic turnover of your staff?

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON: No, I am not concerned.

The CHAIR: A good, concise answer, minister. Time has expired. The committee has further considered the Auditor-General's Report 2019-20 and completed its examination of ministers on matters contained therein.

At 18:07 the house adjourned until Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 11:00.

*Estimates Replies***GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): In response to omnibus questions 14 and 15, I have been advised of the following:

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates in relation to grant program or fund that I am responsible for.

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
Art entities	For 2019-20 this line represents grants provided to Carclew and Patch Theatre to support operation of these organisations in delivering youth arts activities and grant programs.	2,496	2,680	2,743	2,806	2,874
Multicultural grants	Grants are provided in support of ethnic and community language schools to deliver language and cultural programs as well as SACE subjects to South Australian school-aged students.	2,194	2,096	2,147	2,201	2,256
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Grants are provided to assist organisations where the activities and objectives of those organisations are consistent with the responsibilities of the Minister's portfolio.	2,744	2,815	2,885	2,957	3,031
Other grants	Various one-off grants under Minister for Education's portfolio including the covid-19 homestay assistance grants in 2019-20 (\$60K)	90	—	—	—	—

The following table details the grant payments that I am responsible for, in respect of the 2019-20 financial year and full details of 2020-21 grant payments will be provided following the end of the financial year.

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Arts Entities	Carclew Youth Arts Centre Inc	To support their operation in delivering youth arts activities and grant programs (payment to Carclew includes funding for Patch Theatre).	2,496,000
Multicultural grants	Brazilian Ethnic School	To support ethnic and community language schools to deliver SACE programs.	2,225
Multicultural grants	Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Norwood/Eastern Suburbs Inc.	As above	2,750
Multicultural grants	Al-Salam Arabic School	As above	7,800
Multicultural grants	Bantu Ethnic School of SA	As above	5,000
Multicultural grants	Burundi Intamba Gasimbo School	As above	2,250
Multicultural grants	A. Pushkin Russian School	As above	13,425
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Russian Ethnic School Incorporated	As above	3,950
Multicultural grants	Association of Ukrainians Community School, Adelaide	As above	3,950
Multicultural grants	Somali Ethnic School of S.A. Inc.	As above	10,600
Multicultural grants	Australian Druze Arabic School	As above	7,600
Multicultural grants	Sinhala Buddhist School	As above	2,800
Multicultural grants	The Arabic Language School	As above	4,250
Multicultural grants	St Mary's Vietnamese School Inc.	As above	7,575

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Multicultural grants	School of St Nicholas Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church	As above	550
Multicultural grants	School for the German Language Inc.	As above	9,250
Multicultural grants	Hungarian Community School Adelaide Inc.	As above	2,500
Multicultural grants	Port Adelaide Greek School	As above	7,300
Multicultural grants	Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc.	As above	3,350
Multicultural grants	Dac-Lo Vietnamese Ethnic School	As above	35,550
Multicultural grants	Alliance Française d' Adelaide Inc.	As above	1,950
Multicultural grants	Ethnic Schools Association Of Sa Inc	To support the operations of the Ethnic Schools Association of SA	403,142
Multicultural grants	Chin Hakha Language School	To support ethnic and community language schools to deliver language and cultural programs to South Australian school-aged students outside school hours.	10,152
Multicultural grants	Sudanese Community Ethnic School	As above	9,039
Multicultural grants	Alhuda Club	As above	20,568
Multicultural grants	Al-Nawares Arabic School	As above	14,910
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Marathi Vidyalaya	As above	6,677
Multicultural grants	Pathsala Nepali Ethnic School	As above	8,577
Multicultural grants	Gang Kwan Me Leb Acholi	As above	3,620
Multicultural grants	The Arabic School of the Islamic Association SA	As above	12,353
Multicultural grants	Imam Ali School	As above	57,554
Multicultural grants	Al-Salam Arabic School	As above	28,548
Multicultural grants	Brazilian Ethnic School	As above	5,492
Multicultural grants	Burundi Intamba Gasimbo School	As above	24,156
Multicultural grants	Croatian Language School	As above	3,716
Multicultural grants	Sinhaia Buddhist School	As above	36,966
Multicultural grants	Bulgarian Sunday School St. Cyril & Methodius Adelaide South Australia	As above	5,048
Multicultural grants	Punjabi School Adelaide	As above	8,235
Multicultural grants	Berri Greek Orthodox Community School	As above	2,976
Multicultural grants	Afghan School	As above	3,716
Multicultural grants	Islamic Information Centre of SA Inc—Arabic School	As above	46,116
Multicultural grants	Sukulu na Bari Association Inc.	As above	5,492
Multicultural grants	St Mary's Vietnamese School Inc.	As above	5,344
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Tamil Language School	As above	6,380
Multicultural grants	Bangla School	As above	4,160
Multicultural grants	The School of Bhutanese Nepali Language and Culture	As above	29,463
Multicultural grants	Chinese School	As above	29,280
Multicultural grants	The Arabic Language School	As above	22,052
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Japanese Community School	As above	30,561
Multicultural grants	Muthamil Palli-South Australia School	As above	9,882
Multicultural grants	Bangladesh School Australia	As above	6,380
Multicultural grants	Jivan Shilp School	As above	16,653

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Multicultural grants	Igbo Cultural School of South Australia	As above	5,344
Multicultural grants	Mana Telugu Badi	As above	10,248
Multicultural grants	Saraswati Veda Pathshala	As above	4,456
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Nepalese Society Australia Inc Vidhyalaya	As above	8,235
Multicultural grants	Eritrean Islamic Society in Adelaide Inc—Al Noor Arabic School	As above	4,456
Multicultural grants	Punjabi Gurmukhi School	As above	9,699
Multicultural grants	Timbuktu Arabic School	As above	26,627
Multicultural grants	Sarbat Khalsa Inc SA—Punjabi School	As above	21,594
Multicultural grants	Adelaide-Bangladeshi Cultural Club	As above	7,869
Multicultural grants	Bangla Language and Cultural School	As above	3,716
Multicultural grants	South Australian Tamil School	As above	12,810
Multicultural grants	Bantu Ethnic School of SA	As above	24,339
Multicultural grants	Bosniak Ethnic School	As above	3,864
Multicultural grants	Dinka Bor Ethnic School	As above	4,160
Multicultural grants	Romanian Ethnic School	As above	3,124
Multicultural grants	Ammanullah Khan Pashto School	As above	9,516
Multicultural grants	A. Pushkin Russian School	As above	37,515
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Russian Ethnic School Incorporated	As above	20,039
Multicultural grants	Xingguang Chinese School Incorporated	As above	6,954
Multicultural grants	Association of Ukrainians Community School, Adelaide	As above	12,444
Multicultural grants	Lac-Viet Vietnamese School Inc.	As above	7,137
Multicultural grants	Somali Ethnic School of S.A. Inc.	As above	10,614
Multicultural grants	Ariana Farsi School	As above	46,025
Multicultural grants	Bangladeshi Community School	As above	12,078
Multicultural grants	Guru Nanak School	As above	9,882
Multicultural grants	Eritrean Ethnic School of South Australia	As above	6,588
Multicultural grants	Polish Language School 'Adam Mickiewicz'	As above	10,688
Multicultural grants	Australian Druze Arabic School	As above	12,719
Multicultural grants	School of Spanish Language and Culture	As above	2,236
Multicultural grants	Slavic Baptist Church School of Russian Language Inc.	As above	3,494
Multicultural grants	Overseas Chinese Association of South Australia Inc.	As above	114,162
Multicultural grants	Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc.	As above	57,188
Multicultural grants	Holy Monastery of St Nectarios Greek School	As above	8,418
Multicultural grants	Croatian Ethnic School	As above	9,150
Multicultural grants	The New Era Persian Language & Culture School Inc.	As above	8,784
Multicultural grants	Uighur Language School	As above	19,032
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Chinese School	As above	7,229
Multicultural grants	Vietnamese Ethnic School—SA Chapter	As above	65,606
Multicultural grants	Al-Farooq Arabic School	As above	43,371

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Multicultural grants	Serbian Orthodox Church Ethnic School 'St Sava' at Woodville SA Inc	As above	14,274
Multicultural grants	School of St Nicholas Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church	As above	6,306
Multicultural grants	School of Russian Language	As above	3,938
Multicultural grants	School for the German Language Inc.	As above	25,071
Multicultural grants	Russian Molokan School Inc.	As above	12,810
Multicultural grants	Portuguese Ethnic School Inc.	As above	1,940
Multicultural grants	Chinese School of South Australia Inc.	As above	42,822
Multicultural grants	Latvian School of Adelaide Inc.	As above	6,954
Multicultural grants	Hungarian Community School Adelaide Inc.	As above	2,532
Multicultural grants	Port Adelaide Greek School	As above	28,640
Multicultural grants	Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Norwood/Eastern Suburbs Inc.	As above	23,973
Multicultural grants	Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Saint George Thebarton and Western Suburbs Inc.	As above	25,895
Multicultural grants	St Anthony's Greek School	As above	11,255
Multicultural grants	Free Serbian Orthodox School 'St Sava'	As above	2,680
Multicultural grants	Filipino Ethnic School of SA (Salisbury) Inc.	As above	2,680
Multicultural grants	Egyptian Coptic School	As above	22,875
Multicultural grants	Dac-Lo Vietnamese Ethnic School	As above	143,836
Multicultural grants	CASA Chinese Ethnic School	As above	21,777
Multicultural grants	Gabriela Mistral Spanish Speaking School	As above	4,604
Multicultural grants	Bo De School	As above	12,719
Multicultural grants	Beit Shalom Hebrew Language School	As above	4,900
Multicultural grants	Alliance Française d' Adelaide Inc.	As above	28,914
Multicultural grants	Adelaide Lithuanian School	As above	3,272
Multicultural grants	Myanmar Ethnic School of SA Inc	As above	4,160
Multicultural grants	Korean School of Adelaide	As above	13,359
Multicultural grants	St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Parish School of Salisbury Incorporated.	As above	6,084
Multicultural grants	Parish of St Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Greek School	As above	6,588
Multicultural grants	Australia Day Council Of Sa	Grant was provided for the Award for Excellence in languages and cultures on 2020 Australia Day.	6,150
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Cirkidz Incorporated	This grant was in support of the Stream & Shout program, an online circus pilot offering classes online via live stream due to COVID Restrictions.	40,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	National Railway Museum	This grant was in support of the cost of replacing the pavilion roofing panels of the National Railway Museum.	61,260

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Isolated Child Parents Association	This grant was in support of programs and information provided by the Isolated Children's Parents' Association to its members and the department.	10,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Carly Ryan Foundation Inc	This grant was in support of the delivery of the school program aimed to improve safety of SA communities through increased awareness of issues associated with online safety and prevention of online crime.	220,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Federation Of Catholic School	This grant was in support of the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities' parent engagement and advocacy work.	30,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	South Australian Association of state school	This grant was in support of operational expenses to support the association informing and representing state school governing councils and parental involvement in education.	80,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Ice Factor Foundation Inc	This grant was in support of a program targeting at risk youths experiencing disadvantage and who would otherwise not have access to team sport.	62,730
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Star Of The Sea School	This grant was in support of the Marine Discovery Program which supports environmental education and student learning in marine ecology.	22,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Virtual War Memorial Limited	This grant was in support of the war memorial online portal, ongoing management and part time teacher.	82,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	University Of Adelaide	This grant was in support of the learning and supporting coordinators to manage further growth of the Children's University Australia program across regional SA.	100,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	United Way South Australia	This grant was in support of providing assistance towards the purchasing and distributing of book packs as a part of the United We Read pilot.	55,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Encounter Youth Inc	This grant was in support of Encounter Youth to deliver alcohol and drug education to SA secondary schools.	330,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Mathematical Association Of SA	This grant was in support of the Remote and Rural Mathematics Program promoting the importance of mathematics to teachers, students and education professionals within remote and regional areas in SA.	51,250
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Childrens Week Association Of SSAa Inc	This grant was in support of the Children's Week program of events, including the Minister for Education's Award.	28,000

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
Minister's Discretionary Grant	SA Association Of School Parent's Club	This grant was in support of parent engagement in their children's education and development of a strategic plan.	80,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	University Of Adelaide	This grant was in support of the Open Music Academy for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to provide scholarships, workshops and fees bursaries.	46,900
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Power Community Ltd	This grant was in support of the Power to End Violence against Women Program.	75,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Association Of Independent Schools SA	This grant was in support of the Allied Health Specialist Support Services Program to make it available to all independent schools with a focus on rural schools or low SES regions.	150,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Tea Tree Gully Toy Library	This grant was in support of operational expenses of the Tea Tree Gully Toy Library.	25,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Sammy D Foundation	This grant was in support of programs by Sammy D Foundation that focus on bullying and violence prevention, alcohol and drug education.	235,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Portside Christian School	This grant was in support of one-off host school subsidy pilot grant for Portside Christian College hosting the Port Adelaide Greek School.	5,791
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Country Arts Sa	This grant was in support of the operating expenses of the Hopgood Theatre.	50,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Adelaide Fringe Inc	The grant provided assistance towards the cost of delivering the exhibition, educational packs and guided tours for schools of the 2020 Adelaide Fringe Yabarra—Dreaming in the light exhibition at Tandanya.	30,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Innovation First International (AU) Pty Ltd	This grant was in support of the VEX Robotics National Competition in SA. The competition is an educational robotics competition that provides educators and students application in STEM fields.	15,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Department for Education	This grant was in support of Parents In Education grants in government schools.	83,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	History Trust SA	This grant supported The History Trust of SA hosting the Cudlee Creek Bushfire Benefit Concert.	10,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Adelaide Festival Centre Trust	The purpose of this grant was to assist with the delivery of the centreED Teaching and Learning Program that link to curriculum.	52,275
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Federation Of Catholic School	This grant supported the parent and family contribution in the	30,000

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
		Catholic Education sector, such as advocacy, parent representation and support.	
Minister's Discretionary Grant	The Smith Family	This grant supported the 'Lets Read & Let's Count' Program, which delivered early years literacy and numeracy across the state.	120,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Speld SA Inc	Operational grant in support of students in the education sector with specific learning difficulties.	138,375
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Australian Migrant Resource	This grant provided financial support for the SA Refugee Week and Youth Poster Awards and Exhibition.	8,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Revise Scheme	This grant helped cover travel costs by volunteer teachers to stations in SA. This helped volunteers to continue to support the education of children in remote and regional areas.	3,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Co-Opera Inc	This grant supported two independent music programs in schools to increase music appreciation.	97,386
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Gifted And Talented Children	This grant supported the delivering of workshop sessions to academically gifted students.	14,600
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Department for Education	This grant supported the SA Aboriginal Football Academy, a sports based education program, for students in years 10, 11 & 12.	50,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Association Of Independent Schools SA (AISSA)	This grant supported a Parents Initiatives in Education grants program to Independent non-government schools and to be administered by AISSA.	25,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Department Of Human Services	This grant supported the Second Chances SA Family Care Program which aims to respond to the unique needs of children and families with an incarcerated parent/s.	57,500
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Star Of The Sea School	This grant supported the Marine Discovery Program which provided environmental education and student learning in marine ecology.	30,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA	This grant supported the Science Alive Careers Day held at the Adelaide show grounds by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA.	15,000
Minister's Discretionary Grant	Australian Children's TV Foundation	This grant supported teachers through outreach to schools, news updates and provided professional learning delivering education through the use of media and television for Australian Children.	25,250
Minister's Discretionary Grant	History Trust SA	This grant supported the use of digitisation and leading edge digital products to engage	100,000

Grant program / fund name	Beneficiary	Purpose	Value \$
		audiences with the history of SA.	
Other grants	Immanuel College	Grants were provided to schools to on-pass to homestay families to support accommodation for international school students in the Covid-19 Study Adelaide International Student Support Package.	200
Other grants	St Peter's College	As above	800
Other grants	Seymour College	As above	2,000
Other grants	Scotch College Adelaide	As above	800
Other grants	Prince Alfred College	As above	1,000
Other grants	Loreto College	As above	600
Other grants	Pulteney Grammar School	As above	2,000
Other grants	University Senior College	As above	4,400
Other grants	Wilderness School Limited	As above	3,200
Other grants	Mercedes College	As above	5,000
Other grants	Concordia College	As above	1,000
Other grants	St Peter's Collegiate Girls'	As above	1,800
Other grants	Our Lady Sacred Heart College	As above	5,000
Other grants	Emmaus Christian College Inc	As above	200
Other grants	Eynesbury College Yrs 11 & 12	As above	8,400
Other grants	St John's Grammar School	As above	4,400
Other grants	St Dominic's Priory College	As above	1,200
Other grants	St Aloysius College	As above	1,400
Other grants	Trinity College Senior School	As above	1,200
Other grants	Blackfriars Priory School	As above	1,800
Other grants	St George College Inc	As above	1,000
Other grants	Woodcroft College Inc	As above	9,600
Other grants	Seventh Day Adventist Schools	As above	600
Other grants	Westminster School	As above	600
Other grants	Endeavour College	As above	1,000
Other grants	Catholic Education Sa	Grants were provided to 2 Catholic schools as part of a strategy to support quality music education across South Australia.	6,400
Other grants	Saccs Specific Education Grant	Grant was provided to support a special need student with management of Type 1 diabetes to commence school	24,000

The following table provides grant payments made for the 2019-20 financial year by the department and excludes:

- transactions between the department and government schools and preschools;
- transactions between the department and non-government early learning centres;
- transactions between the department and non-government children's centres;
- transactions between the department and the non-government school sectors (including catholic and independent schools);
- grant payments made by administered entities;
- grant payments made by schools and preschools to third parties as this data is not available centrally for reporting;
- grant payments made by School Sports SA to third parties as this data is not available centrally for reporting;
- payments made to individuals as scholarships; and
- payments to other South Australian government agencies.

Grant recipient	Payment date	Date agreement signed by the Department	Date agreement signed by the recipient	Value \$
ABORIGINAL BASKETBALL ACADEMY	25-Apr-20	17-Apr-20	03-Apr-20	\$50,000
Adelaide Crows Children's Foundation	28-Oct-19	11-Sep-19	30-Sep-19	\$54,500
Adelaide Hills Council	23-May-20	07-Apr-20	18-May-20	\$5,000
Adelaide Youth Orchestra inc	23-Dec-19	19-Dec-17	19-Dec-17	\$20,000
ASME (SA) Chapter inc	12-Jun-20	20-Mar-20	30-Mar-20	\$3,900
Australian Olympic Committee	28-Jan-20	05-Dec-19	05-Dec-19	\$126,818
Autism Assoc of SA inc	05-Mar-20	29-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	\$3,509,704
Autism Association of SA inc	19-Jul-19	29-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	\$1,614,361
Autism Association of SA inc	22-May-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	\$1,752,654
Barkuma inc	25-Sep-19	29-Jan-18	29-Jan-18	\$150,000
Barkuma inc	11-Nov-19	29-Jan-18	29-Jan-18	\$150,000
Barkuma inc	12-Jun-20	29-Jan-18	29-Jan-18	\$100,000
Barkuma inc	30-Jun-20	29-Jan-18	29-Jan-18	\$100,000
Baseball SA	02-May-20	07-Apr-20	28-Apr-20	\$5,000
Burrardies Aboriginal Corp	03-Jun-20	22-May-20	27-May-20	\$65,000
Burrardies Aboriginal Corp	25-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	\$24,000
Can Do 4Kids Townsend House	19-Jul-19	25-Mar-19	25-Mar-19	\$275,374
Can Do 4Kids Townsend House	05-Mar-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	\$223,082
Can Do 4Kids Townsend House	22-May-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	\$38,635
Carclew Youth Arts Centre inc	11-Nov-19	03-Jun-19	07-Jun-19	\$255,000
Ceasa inc	12-Jul-19	25-Jun-19	27-Jun-19	\$202,100
Centacare Catholic Family Services	08-May-20	07-Apr-20	15-Apr-20	\$4,200
Centacare Catholic Family Services	08-May-20	07-Apr-20	15-Apr-20	\$1,757
City of Charles Sturt	08-May-20	07-Apr-20	17-Apr-20	\$5,000
City of Mount Gambier	15-May-20	07-Apr-20	17-Apr-20	\$5,000
City of Onkaparinga	08-May-20	07-Apr-20	30-Apr-20	\$5,000
Clontarf Foundation	16-Apr-20	06-Jun-19	06-Jun-19	\$567,500
Clontarf Foundation	03-Jun-20	06-Jun-19	06-Jun-19	\$445,875
Country & Outback Health inc	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	24-Apr-20	\$850
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	15-May-20	07-Apr-20	22-Apr-20	\$750
Education Services Australia	02-Sep-19	30-Jul-19	12-Jun-20	\$138,843
Education Services Australia	30-Oct-19	28-Jun-19	28-Jun-19	\$80,740
Education Services Australia	11-Mar-20	11-Dec-19	11-Dec-19	\$26,901
Education Services Australia	24-Jun-20	29-Nov-19	29-Nov-19	\$987,898
Education Services Australia	25-Jun-20	30-Jul-19	12-Jun-20	\$615,700
Education Services Australia	25-Jun-20	30-Jul-20	12-Jun-20	\$397,314
Flinders University of SA	11-Nov-19	03-Jul-19	04-Jul-19	\$25,000
Food Bank of SA inc	20-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	\$25,000
Food Bank of SA inc	02-Apr-20	13-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	\$25,000
Food Bank of SA inc	16-Apr-20	13-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	\$25,000
Foodbank of South Australia	15-Aug-19	13-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	\$25,000
Football Federation SA inc	12-Jun-20	07-Apr-20	31-May-20	\$5,000
Goodwood community services	25-Mar-20	02-Jan-19	17-Jan-19	\$10,100
goodwood Saints Football inc	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	15-Apr-20	\$3,000
Guide Dogs Association of SA &NT inc	05-Mar-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	\$514,285
Guide Dogs Association of SA &NT inc	19-Jul-19	02-Apr-19	26-Mar-19	\$188,726
Guide Dogs Associatoin of sSA&NT inc	22-May-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	\$250,745
Kaurna Warra Karrpanthi	25-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	\$24,000
Kickstart for Kids	02-Apr-20	22-Feb-19	06-Mar-19	\$25,000
Kickstart for Kids	02-Apr-20	22-Feb-19	06-Mar-19	\$25,000
Kickstart for Kids	02-Apr-20	22-Feb-19	06-Mar-19	\$25,000
Kickstart for Kids	18-Apr-20	22-Feb-19	06-Mar-19	\$25,000
Life Education SA inc	25-Jun-20	27-Jun-18	27-Jun-18	\$395,850
Marion Swimming Club inc	28-May-20	07-Apr-20	07-May-20	\$4,200
Media Centre for Education	11-Sep-19	05-Aug-19	06-Aug-19	\$25,000
Minda inc Vacation Care	08-Aug-19	29-Jul-19	29-Jul-19	\$1,998
Minda inc Vacation Care	30-Sep-19	29-Jul-19	29-Jul-19	\$2,123
Minda inc Vacation Care	18-Dec-19	29-Jul-19	29-Jul-19	\$2,123
Minda inc Vacation Care	10-Apr-20	29-Jul-19	29-Jul-19	\$2,872
Miwi-inyeri pelepi-ambi Aboriginal Corporation	25-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	\$24,000
Musica Viva Australia	30-Jun-20	07-Nov-17	07-Nov-17	\$11,818
Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association	23-Jan-20	20-Dec-19	20-Dec-19	\$36,000
Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association	25-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	22-Jun-20	\$24,000

Grant recipient	Payment date	Date agreement signed by the Department	Date agreement signed by the recipient	Value \$
North Eastern Metrostars inc	02-May-20	06-Apr-20	06-Apr-20	\$40,000
Novita Children's Services	19-Jul-19	29-Mar-19	27-Mar-19	\$187,813
Novita Children's Services	03-Apr-20	29-Mar-19	27-Mar-19	\$501,319
Novita Children's Services	22-May-20	29-Mar-19	27-Mar-19	\$18,261
One50 Incorporated	08-May-20	07-Apr-20	16-Apr-20	\$5,000
Orana Incorporated	19-Jul-19	28-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	\$44,767
Orana Incorporated	22-May-20	28-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	\$309,389
Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council	06-Jan-20	17-Dec-19	18-Dec-19	\$10,711
Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council	06-Jan-20	17-Dec-19	18-Dec-19	\$11,901
Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council	13-Jan-20	17-Dec-19	18-Dec-19	\$23,802
Power Community Ltd	18-Jul-19	05-May-17	05-May-17	\$235,750
Preschool Directors Association of SA	18-Dec-19	31-May-19	12-Jun-19	\$37,869
Primary Mathematics Association SA	27-Feb-20	25-Jan-18	01-Dec-18	\$15,000
Reconciliation SA Inc	24-Jul-19	Apr-2019	Apr-2019	\$50,000
Reconciliation SA Inc	24-Jul-19	Apr-2019	Apr-2019	\$25,000
Reconciliation SA Inc	24-Jul-19	Apr-2019	Apr-2019	\$25,000
Reconciliation SA Inc	18-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	\$65,000
Rice Remote & Isolated Childrens Exercise	28-Oct-19	02-Dec-96	02-Dec-96	\$47,935
Rotary Club of Adelaide	26-Jun-20	25-Jun-20	25-Jun-20	\$5,000
Rotary Club of Berri	18-Dec-19	09-Nov-20	09-Nov-20	\$1,000
Royal Institution of Australia	14-Aug-19	04-Apr-18	27-Feb-18	\$120,000
Royal Zoological Society of SA	07-Apr-20	23-Nov-16	01-Dec-16	\$151,000
SA Aboriginal Education and Training Consultative Council	16-Apr-20	15-Aug-19	30-Aug-19	\$365,000
SA Country Basketball Council	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	20-Apr-20	\$5,000
SA Netball Assoc Inc	25-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	17-Apr-20	\$50,000
SA Primary Principals Association	20-Nov-19	19-Dec-18	19-Dec-18	\$169,557
SA Primary Principals Association	22-May-20	29-Apr-20	11-May-20	\$38,271
SA Secondary Principal's Association	22-May-20	29-Apr-20	11-May-20	\$110,308
SA Special Education	15-May-20	31-May-19	04-Jun-19	\$27,035
SANFL	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	21-Apr-20	\$5,000
SA Secondary Principal's Association	13-Nov-19	19-Dec-18	19-Dec-18	\$97,520
Skate SA Inc	23-May-20	07-Apr-20	15-Apr-20	\$5,000
Small Schools Assoc of SA	18-Dec-19	Jul-2016	Jul-2016	\$23,058
South Australian Area School Leaders Association	25-Mar-20	Jul-2016	Jul-2016	\$26,671
South Australian Area School Leaders Association	20-Jun-20	09-Jun-20	11-Jun-20	\$30,000
South Australian Cricket	02-May-20	07-Apr-20	24-Apr-20	\$5,000
South Australian Hockey	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	24-Apr-20	\$5,000
South Australian Hockey	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	24-Apr-20	\$5,000
South Australian Mens and Womens Mixed Netball Association	28-Apr-20	07-Apr-20	21-Apr-20	\$5,000
South Australian State School Principal Association	13-Nov-19	Jul-2016	Jul-2016	\$95,000
South Gambier Netball Club Inc	02-May-20	07-Apr-20	21-Apr-20	\$5,000
Speld SA Inc	13-Nov-19	28-Mar-19	28-Mar-19	\$51,250
Swimming SA Inc	02-May-20	07-Apr-20	23-Apr-20	\$5,000
Tauondi Aboriginal Corporation	27-Jun-20	01-Jun-20	01-Jun-20	\$24,000
The Benevolent Society	19-Jul-19	09-Apr-19	03-Apr-19	\$46,798
The Benevolent Society	04-Apr-20	09-Apr-19	03-Apr-19	\$72,272
The Benevolent Society	22-May-20	09-Apr-19	03-Apr-19	\$30,316
The Big Book Club Inc	21-Oct-19	02-Jan-18	02-Jan-18	\$295,900
The Big Book Club Inc	30-Oct-19	02-Jan-18	02-Jan-18	\$315,000
The Big Book Club Inc	30-Oct-19	02-Jan-18	02-Jan-18	\$115,000
The Smith Family	23-Dec-19	26-Sep-18	26-Sep-18	\$120,000
University of South Australia	05-Sep-19	21-May-18	21-May-18	\$5,000
University of South Australia	19-Dec-19	21-May-18	21-May-18	\$5,000
University of South Australia	06-Mar-20	21-May-18	21-May-18	\$5,000
University of South Australia	11-Jun-20	21-May-18	21-May-18	\$5,000
Virtual War Memorial Limited	27-Jun-20	09-Jun-20	10-Jun-20	\$51,250
YMCA South Australia Inc	08-Aug-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$375
YMCA South Australia Inc	08-Aug-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$375
YMCA South Australia Inc	08-Aug-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$874

Grant recipient	Payment date	Date agreement signed by the Department	Date agreement signed by the recipient	Value \$
YMCA South Australia Inc	08-Aug-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$437
YMCA South Australia Inc	30-Sep-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$500
YMCA South Australia Inc	30-Sep-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,093
YMCA South Australia Inc	30-Sep-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$562
YMCA South Australia Inc	30-Sep-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$531
YMCA South Australia Inc	11-Oct-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$749
YMCA South Australia Inc	11-Oct-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$905
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Oct-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,132
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Oct-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,249
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,124
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$531
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$390
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$999
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,155
YMCA South Australia Inc	18-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$1,124
YMCA South Australia Inc	19-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$687
YMCA South Australia Inc	19-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$414
YMCA South Australia Inc	23-Dec-19	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$312
YMCA South Australia Inc	10-Apr-20	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$2,498
YMCA South Australia Inc	02-May-20	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$999
YMCA South Australia Inc	19-Jun-20	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$500
YMCA South Australia Inc	19-Jun-20	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$687
YMCA South Australia Inc	19-Jun-20	15-Jul-19	11-Jul-19	\$375
YMCA South Australia Inc	24-Jun-20	15-Jul-19	12-Jun-20	\$500
YMCA South Australia Inc	24-Jun-20	15-Jul-19	12-Jun-20	\$250
Youth Affairs Council of SA	15-Jan-20	19-Oct-18	25-Oct-18	\$25,000
Youth Affairs Council of SA	06-Jun-20	19-Oct-18	25-Oct-18	\$25,000
Youth Opportunities	11-Feb-20	06-Feb-20	07-Feb-20	\$200,000

TAFE SA

TAFE SA has contributed funding to the below programs in 2019-20.

(a) Name of the program or fund	(b) Purpose of the program or fund	(e) Budgeted (or actual payments into program or fund				
		2019-20 Actual payments \$000	2020-21 Budget \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000
Study Adelaide	To promote Adelaide as an international study destination and in partnership with intuitions, grow South Australia's international student number.	75	75	75	75	75
Helpmann Academy	Advancing, supporting and promoting education and training in the visual and performing arts at the tertiary level in South Australia.	106	-	-	-	-

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):

I refer the Member for Wright to my response to omnibus question 14.'

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

Section 4 of DPC Circular PC013—Annual Reporting Requirements details the use of the annual report template. The template includes sections for an organisational structure and changes to the agency to be included by each agency.

I refer the member for Wright to the annual reports which will be published for each of the agencies for which I am responsible.

FAMILY DAY CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

As at 3 December 2020, the actual number of departmental employees who undertake the work of coordinating the operations of the family day care and respite care programs was 54. This includes monitoring and supporting educators/care providers and administering payments to educators and care providers.

FAMILY DAY CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

There will be no immediate change to family day care services for educators or families.

The Department for Education is committed to supporting continuity and growth for family day care services.

If non-government provider/s take over as the approved provider/s of family day care services, family day care educators will be supported by an approved provider other than the Department for Education.

There are very clear obligations and responsibilities outlined in Education and Care Services National Law that all approved providers must meet regardless of whether they are a government or non-government provider.

Under this law approved providers of an approved family day care service are responsible for:

- ensuring the safety, health and wellbeing of the children being educated and cared for by the service
- meeting the educational and developmental needs of the children being educated and cared for by the service
- ensuring sufficient persons are appointed as family day care co-ordinators
- ensuring each family day care educator is monitored and supported by a family day care co-ordinator.

In addition there will be no immediate change to respite care services for care providers or families. The obligations and responsibilities under the National Disability Insurance Scheme must be met regardless of whether they are a government or non-government provider.

FAMILY DAY CARE AND RESPITE CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

Family day care educators and respite care providers are small business operators. Family day care educators set their own child care fees independently. Fees for respite care providers are set by the service in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) price guidelines.

The Department for Education operates the Family Day Care and Respite Care Program on a cost recovery basis.

Costs associated with the operation of the family day care program are covered through an educator levy paid by each educator and a parent administration levy. These levies were last increased in March 2019 to 95c per hour per child and 30 cents per hour, per child respectively.

The 2020 annual increase of these levies was placed on hold due to the impacts of COVID-19 and requirements under the Australian Government Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package to not increase fees between April and July 2020.

Costs associated with the Respite Care Program, including payment of care providers, are covered through the hourly fee charged to families in line with the NDIS price guide.

RESPITE CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Moriaita—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) publishes a price guide that sets price limits for each of the supports the Respite Care Program provides.

Changes to prices are updated by the NDIS to respond to market trends and changes in costs and are generally identified through an annual price review, with any new prices outlined in an updated price guide, effective 1 July each year.

The Respite Care Program which the Department for Education operates sets an hourly fee in line with the NDIS price guide and then passes on part of this hourly fee as a payment to the care provider.

FAMILY DAY CARE AND RESPITE CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

Family day care educators and respite care providers are small business operators. Family day care educators set their own child care fees independently. Fees for respite care providers are set by the service in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme price guidelines.

In 2019 the Department for Education explored if there was a better way to support the small businesses offering family day care and respite care through a market engagement process. This found that there was sufficient market interest from reputable providers in a transfer of existing family day care and respite care services.

We are now moving to an approach to market.

Through this process we will be detailing the conditions of any transfer.

Through the approach to market the intention is to minimise any disruption to educators, care providers and families ensuring that every educator and care provider is able to continue operating their business.

FAMILY DAY CARE AND RESPITE CARE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) sets the price limit for services. As a NDIS registered provider, the department can charge a 'NDIS participant' for an approved service up to that price limit. As a NDIS registered provider, the Department for Education approves self-employed carers called 'care providers' to provide respite services to families. The amount that the department, as a registered provider, pays out to a carer is based on a contractual arrangement with the carer.

The hourly rate which is provided by NDIS to the department as a registered provider is currently \$51 per hour with \$29 per hour paid to a carer providing 1:1 support and \$23 per child per hour for support provided to multiple children.

Under the NDIS, charges or other fees outside the price guide are not allowed.

The gap between the hourly NDIS payment (\$51) and the payment to the care provider (\$29 or \$23) is used by the department to cover the cost of operating the service with department staff responsible for overseeing the program, supporting respite care placements, monitoring the quality of care being provided and the safety, health and wellbeing of children in care.

KINGSTON EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

The rural care budget allocates places based on sufficient demonstrated demand to cover child care staff wages, as well as adequate physical capacity for the children. I am informed that from the start of the 2021 school year there is sufficient demand and physical capacity to provide an additional rural care worker for a further one day a week at the Kingston Early Learning Centre.

As at 3 December 2020, 32 children are on the waiting list at the Kingston Early Learning Centre. This includes a number of children already attending the rural care program at Kingston Early Learning Centre, but whose parents/carers are seeking a change in which days they attend, or additional days.

PRESCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

At 30 September 2020, 370 (98 per cent) government preschools have been assessed and rated.

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL LOANS SCHEME

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

During the 2019-20 financial year 14 schools lodged applications for loans from the Non-Government School Loans Scheme.

Of these 14 applications:

- one approved application was withdrawn by the respective school
- one application was not supported as it was not compliant with the scheme's guidelines
- one application was not supported as it did not demonstrate a clear need for the loan consistent with the scheme's guidelines or its objective; and
- the remaining 11 applications were approved and executed loan agreements.

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL GRANTS

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

There were more applications than funding available. Fifteen applications were not successful due to their funding being sourced elsewhere, or the projects had lower educational benefit using the fund criteria.

TAFE SA

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

In 2020 TAFE SA adapted to become more agile in the way it delivered its courses during the coronavirus pandemic, and plans to continue this into 2021 to support greater student accessibility to learning vocational education and training opportunities at TAFE SA across the state.

TAFE SA continues to work with students, employers, industry and communities to understand what they require whilst also ensuring training package requirements are met.

TAFE SA

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

TAFE SA identified approximately 980 applicants who had expressed interest in the 20 courses. TAFE SA has contacted the applicants via phone and email to provide them with the information they need to make decisions about their future studies.

TAFE SA

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

TAFE SA implements class size ratios to ensure its students receive the support they need and receive a high-quality learning experience.

Class size ratios tend to vary between qualifications and activities due to several factors including safety, the learning needs and experience of the student cohort, the availability of ICT and physical infrastructure, and more recently, social distancing requirements due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

Minimum class size ratios at TAFE SA can vary anywhere between six and 18 students per class dependent upon the location, the type of learning experience (general, apprenticeship, school), and the factors mentioned above.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (23 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education): I am advised of the following:

Department for Education

At 30 June 2020, 23.9 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions, costing \$2.474 million (excluding on-costs) against an original budget of 28.3 FTEs and an original expenditure budget of \$2.766 million.

The table below outlines the budgeted FTEs and estimated employment costs:

Year	FTEs budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense
2020-21	31.3	\$2.857 million
2021-22	28.7	\$2.979 million
2022-23	28.7	\$2.964 million
2023-24	28.7	\$3.015 million

The Department for Education Communications directorate produces internal and external communications for the department's schools and preschools including media management, creative services (including graphic design, videography and photography), social media, webinar production, website and intranet management. Internal audiences for our communications include a workforce of more than 30,000 staff across schools, preschools and corporate offices. External audiences include parents, students, stakeholders and the general public.

There is no central budgeted cost for advertising campaign activity in 2020-21.

TAFE SA

At 30 June 2020, 17.3 FTE were employed to undertake activity relating to communication and marketing functions within TAFE SA with total employment expense of \$2.0 million.

The TAFE SA marketing and communications units undertake a range of functions including but not limited to, promotional and functional marketing and advertising, TAFE SA website management, media management, and internal and external communication.

For 2020-21 the budgeted FTE for communication and promotion activities within TAFE SA is 18.8 with budgeted total employment expense of \$2.2 million.

Budgeted FTE and employment expense for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 within TAFE SA has not yet been finalised.

SACE Board of South Australia

At 30 June 2020, 4.8 FTEs were allocated to functions which include communication and promotion and other activities, costing \$512,805 for the financial year.

The activities performed by staff are diverse across the function of both marketing and communications and incorporate marketing, internal and external communications, stakeholder liaison and communication, graphic design, meeting and event coordination, website and intranet management. Communications are integral to the SACE Board services, for example to provide information and support to educators about changes to curriculum and assessment requirements. Similarly, the professional learning offered by the SACE Board is promoted through our communication channels.

Education Standards Board

In 2019-20, 0.6 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions, costing \$58,000.

The table below outlines the budgeted FTEs and estimated employment expense:

Year	Budgeted FTEs	Estimated Employment Expense
2020-21	0.6	\$59,000
2021-22	0.6	\$60,000
2022-23	0.6	\$61,000
2023-24	0.6	\$62,000

The Education Standards Board's communications officer is employed at 0.6FTE and:

- produces fact sheets and newsletters for the early childhood and schools sector
- prepares communications for the chief executive and various other stakeholders
- manages the board's website and social media site; and
- coordinates the board's annual report.

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21 for is nil.

Windmill

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	2.0	159
2020-21	2.0	161
2021-22	2.0	163
2022-23	2.0	165

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2023-24	2.0	167

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21.

Year	Advertising expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	7
2020-21 budget	22

History SA

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	1.6	168
2020-21 budget	1.6	171
2021-22 budget	1.6	176
2022-23 budget	1.6	180
2023-24 budget	1.6	185

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21.

Year	Advertising expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	174
2020-21 budget	286

Guardian for Children and Young People

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	0.6	71
2020-21 budget	0.8	87
2021-22 budget	0.8	93
2022-23 budget	0.8	95
2023-24 budget	0.8	96

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21.

Year	Advertising expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	Nil
2020-21 budget	Nil

Child Development Council

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	Nil	Nil
2020-21 budget	0.2	23
2021-22 budget	0.3	28
2022-23 budget	Nil	Nil
2023-24 budget	Nil	Nil

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21.

Year	Advertising expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	3
2020-21 budget	Nil

Commissioner for Children and Young People

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	1.1	114

Year	FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$'000)
2020-21 budget	1.4	154
2021-22 budget	1.6	172
2022-23 budget	1.6	182
2023-24 budget	1.6	185

The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 and budgeted cost for 2020-21.

Year	Advertising expense (\$'000)
2019-20 actuals	14
2020-21 budget	10

All agencies reporting to the Minister are required to adhere to the Government Marketing Communications Guidelines which outline public disclosure of marketing communication campaigns with a budget of \$50,000 or above. Please refer to the Marketing Communications Activity Report found on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website.

EXPORT ECONOMY

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. No official estimate of jobs related to exports of goods and services is published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), but the latest available Department for Trade and Investment estimate based on available ABS data (2019-20) was that our exports of goods and services supported 74,220 jobs (measured in full-time equivalents).

2. While the full effects of COVID-19 are not yet available, over the year to 2019-20 employment attributed to total overseas exports fell by 3,769 (down 4.8 per cent) on estimates for the previous year.

3. ABS data for 2018-19, the latest available, shows South Australia had 2,909 businesses that exported merchandise in that year. It does not report services exporters. This was an increase of 288 businesses (up 11 per cent) over the year—the highest rate of increase across Australia.

INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

None. All investment projects contributing to the \$609 million were facilitated by the Department for Trade and Investment's efforts over the course of the 2019-20 financial year.

TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. The state government allocated \$12.8 million for the establishment of new trade and investments offices over four years to 2021-22.

The cost breakdown for the creation and maintenance of each trade and investment office from year 2018-19 to October 2020 is as follows:

LOCATION	COSTS A\$
Shanghai, China	918 000
Tokyo, Japan	1 003 000
Seoul, South Korea	16 000
Houston, TX, USA	201 000
New York, USA	-
Dubai, UAE	101 000
South-East Asia	29 000
TOTAL	2 268 000

In relation to measurement of performance for overseas offices, the Department for Trade and Investment has key performance indicator (KPI) targets for each office that relate to trade and investment facilitation and outcomes that support the wider department KPI targets as outlined in 2020-21 state budget papers, Budget Paper 4, Volume 4.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I have been advised the following in relation to positions created or abolished between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

The following eight positions, with a total employment cost of more than \$100,000, have been abolished (noting that ASO5 with on-costs including superannuation exceeds \$100,000):

Position title	Classification	Cost
Senior Executive Officer	ASO5	\$106,963
Senior Project Officer Advisory	ASO7	\$130,902
Senior Geologist	PO3	\$119,981
Principal Environmental Adviser	PO4	\$134,927
Deputy Director	PO5	\$145,840
Director, Strategic Coordination	SAES1	\$197,875
Project Manager	SAES1	\$198,767
Director, Resource Information	SAES1	\$196,124

The following 18 positions, of which eight were transferred from the Department for Innovation and Skills at the cessation of the SLA, with a total employment cost of more than \$100,000, have been created (noting that ASO5 with on-costs including superannuation exceeds \$100,000):

Position title	Classification	Cost
HR Business Partner	ASO5*	\$106,963
Data Analyst—SA Geology	ASO5	\$106,963
Senior Project Officer	ASO6	\$116,731
Senior Media Officer	ASO6*	\$116,731
Senior HR Business Partner	ASO6*	\$116,731
Senior OD Consultant	ASO6*	\$116,731
Principal HR Consultant	ASO7*	\$130,902
Principal Industry Development	ASO7	\$130,902
Principal Accountant x 3	ASO7*	\$130,902
Principal Policy Officer x2	ASO8	\$140,740
Program Manager ADI	ASO8	\$140,740
Project and Compliance Engineer	PO2	\$109,478
Senior Geophysicist	PO3	\$119,981
Senior Electrical and Technical Standards Officer	OPS6	\$106,693
Director Information Strategy & Delivery	SAES1	\$240,163

* Note these eight positions transferred as part of cessation of SLA with the Department for Innovation and Skills.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised the following:

At 30 June 2020, 6.8 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions in 2019-20, costing \$0.80 million.

The table below outlines the budgeted FTEs and estimated employment costs:

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2020-21	9.0	\$1.01 million
2021-22	7.0	\$0.86 million
2022-23	7.0	\$0.87 million
2023-24	7.0	\$0.88 million

As an open and transparent government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are disclosed on the DPC website:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/about-the-department/accountability/government-marketing-advertising-expenditure>.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I have been advised the following in relation to attraction and retention allowances paid to departmental staff between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020:

Job Title	Allowance Type	Attraction/Retention Allowance— Monetary Component
Chief Geoscientist	Retention Allowance	\$24,182
General Manager Policy & Communications	Retention Allowance	\$23,682
Manager Exploration Regulation	Retention Allowance	\$21,744
GM Licensing & Legislation	Retention Allowance	\$18,070
Community Lead Engagement	Attraction Allowance	20%
Deputy Director	Retention Allowance	\$24,544
General Manager Oil and Gas	Attraction Allowance	\$34,343
Principal Drilling Engineer	Retention Allowance	\$41,837
Principal Mining Regulator— Olympic Dam & Uranium	Retention Allowance	\$18,984
Principal Drilling Engineer	Retention Allowance	\$41,837
Manager Exploration Assessment	Retention Allowance	\$21,744
Principal Environmental Regulator— Assessment & Compliance	Retention Allowance	\$20,122
Manager Gas Systems Regulation	Retention Allowance	\$10,500
Principal Mining Regulator	Retention Allowance	\$14,755
Director Engineering Operations	Retention Allowance	\$4,751
Principal Technical Officer	Retention Allowance	\$6,500
Lead Engineer Pipeline & Security	Retention Allowance	\$34,643
Manager, Infrastructure	Retention Allowance	20 per cent

The following employees have a non-salary benefit of a car park between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020:

Job Title	Classification
Chief Executive	EXF
Executive Director, Energy Resources	SAES2
Executive Director, Mineral Resources	SAES2
Director Geological Survey SA	SAES1
Deputy Exec Director Mineral Resources	SAES1
General Manager Mineral Tenements/Mining Registrar	Non-executive
Project Director, GFG	SAES1
Director Resource Infrastructure and Investment Taskforce	SAES1

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I have been advised the following in relation to staff employed within my office:

Ministerial staff employed as at 17 July 2020, 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
Business Support Officer	ASO3	Nil
Senior Business Support Officer	ASO4	Nil
Ministerial Liaison Support Officer	ASO4	Nil
Cabinet Parliamentary Officer	ASO5	Nil
Executive Assistant	ASO5	Nil
Liaison Officer	ASO6	Nil
Liaison Officer	ASO7	Nil
Office Manager	ASO7	Nil

There are no staff seconded from the department to my office as at 30 June 2020.

TERMINATION PAYOUTS

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised the following in relation to executive terminations since 1 July 2019:

- A total of two executive terminations have occurred since 1 July 2019.
- The total value of these terminations was \$274,663.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I have been advised the following in relation to new executive appointments in the department since 1 July 2019:

Position Title	Classification	Cost
Director, Geological Survey of SA	SAES1	\$223,814
Director, Information Strategy and Delivery	SAES1	\$240,163
Director, Strategy and Government Relations	SAES1	\$202,800
Director, Strategy and Government Relations (temporary backfill)	SAES1	\$196,318

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised the following:

The table below provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Energy and Mining.

Grant Program / Fund Name	Purpose of grant program / fund	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Bird Lake	To assist the Port Augusta Council undertake rehabilitation works	809	2,135			
Future Fuels	To address future fuel technologies, systems and markets, social acceptance, public safety and security of supply	115	100			
Renewable Technology Fund	To support further integration of the next generation renewable technologies.	5,620	13,648	3,122	4,888	211
Home Battery Scheme	Subsidies to reduce the cost of home battery installations for consumers	38,210	28,138	12,675	5,200	5,400
Demand Management Trials	To advance the use of energy demand response, demand aggregation and integrating distributed generation assets into the grid	649	11,200	651		
Energy Productivity Program	To assist large energy using businesses manage their electricity costs and contribute energy supply benefits to the state	1,779	2,443			
Project Energy Connect	Early works in relation to the planning and design of a new transmission interconnector between NSW and SA.	13,247	57,150			
National Energy Efficient Buildings	Cross-industry collaboration to deliver the National Energy Efficient Buildings Project	45				
Multiscale Physics for	To support long-term strategic research alliances between higher education and other	30	20	10		

Grant Program / Fund Name	Purpose of grant program / fund	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Enhanced Oil Recovery	organisations, including industry to apply advanced knowledge to oil recovery problems					
Oil and Gas Strategy	To facilitate the establishment of the Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) Program in the South East	333				
SA State Chair of Petroleum Geology	Contribution to the costs of the University of Adelaide in employing a Chair of Petroleum Geology	205	207	209		
Carbon Capture	Contribution to research outcomes for carbon capture and storage and unconventional resources	50				
Mining and Petroleum Engineering Scholarships	To support the Scholarship Program with the long-term objective of helping to arrest a forecast skill shortage in the resources sector.	110	220	220	220	220
Core Innovation Hub	To establish an innovation hub where key stakeholders can develop strategic partnerships to address industry challenges and create economic development opportunities.	349	600	420	180	
Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf (GMUSG)	Support for GMUSG in providing a platform for local business to network and work collaboratively on mining and resource projects	60	60			
Mine engineering and skill development	Developing and facilitating projects to increase the availability and productivity of the resources industry workforce	408	233	239		
MinEx CRC Exploration	To provide new technologies for improving the productivity of mineral exploration drilling and for the acquisition and incorporation of data into 3D models	350	350	300	300	300
Landowner Information Service	The operation of a free, independent information service for landowners seeking information on mineral resource regulatory requirements, including exploration and mining production activities	267				
Explore SA—Gawler Challenge	To run and promote crowd geoscience competitions to obtain multiple research and mineral target models to be provided to SA and made available to explorers	600	1,400	1,200	950	
Grid Scale Storage Fund	To support development of grid scale energy storage projects to firm renewables, help reduce energy costs and enhance reliability of SA's electricity system	-	6,150	5,300	6,330	9,600
Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain	To undertake an open platform international competition to identify technical innovation opportunities across the state's critical minerals value chain		550			

Grant Program / Fund Name	Purpose of grant program / fund	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Electric Vehicle Charging Network	To establish a statewide electric vehicle charging network to increase the uptake of electric vehicles, accelerate smart charging and vehicle-to-grid charging trials.			750	1,250	

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised the following:

The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2019-20 in question 14.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I have been advised the following in relation to the structure of the department:

- There have been no new sections created in the department since 1 July 2019.
- For transparency, existing sections of the department have been merged effective from October 2020.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining): I have been advised the following in relation to spend on goods and services:

The Department for Energy and Mining has budgeted to spend the following amounts on goods and services from 2020-21 across the forward estimates:

2020-21 (\$000)	2021-22 (\$000)	2022-23 (\$000)	2023-24 (\$000)	2024-25 (\$000)
48,676	39,737	31,435	30,855	28,687

The top 10 providers of goods and services to the department in 2019-20 were:

SA Power Networks	Operation costs for the state's temporary generators.	\$12.5 m
Mogas Regional Pty Ltd	Fuel for the Remote Area Energy Supply scheme.	\$6.1 m
Cowell Electric Supply	Electricity generation, distribution and retail services for the Remote Area Energy Supply scheme.	\$5.1 m
Hornsedale Power Reserve P/L	Operation of the Hornsedale Power Reserve.	\$4.1 m
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	Office accommodation expenses.	\$3.3 m
Department of Primary Industries and Regions	Information Communication Technology services provided under service level agreement.	\$2.0 m
Department for Innovation and Skills	Corporate services support provided under service level agreement.	\$1.7 m
Crown Solicitors' Office	Out-posted lawyers and other legal services.	\$1.0 m
Hogan Lovells	Port Pirie Transformation legal services.	\$0.7 m
SRA Information Technology P/L	System and application development and support.	\$0.6 m

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. The Department for Trade and Investment's (DTI) budget includes the following amounts on goods and services:

- \$17.6 million in 2020-21
- \$14.7 million in 2021-22
- \$14.5 million in 2022-23
- \$14.3 million in 2023-24; and
- \$14.1 million in 2024-25.

The top 10 providers of goods and services by value to DTI for 2019-20, were as follows:

Vendor	Amount \$000	Description
Hays Specialist Recruitment	605	Agency temporary staff
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	185	Consultancy—Global Expansion Accelerator
Satalyst	169	Contractor—ICT projects
LeasePlan	167	Fleet cars and associated costs
Australian Industry Group	165	Contractor—Develop and deliver a sharpened, industry-driven exporter development program
QBT	159	Travel
SFDC Australia	157	Database licensing
Wavemaker	142	Recruitment advertising
Katalyst	129	Contractor—Design and develop a digital interface for investors
Randstad	124	Agency temporary staff

The value of the goods and services that was supplied to DTI by South Australian suppliers—response to be provided by the Treasurer.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. Between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, the following positions with a total estimated cost of \$100 000 or more were abolished:

- Senior WHS Business Partner—\$118 566
- Finance Manager—\$142 844
- Senior Policy Officer—\$118 566
- Project Officer—\$108 690
- Senior Project Officer—\$118 566
- Manager Residential and Commercial—\$145 304
- Senior Engineer Commercial—\$137 450
- Senior Program Officer—\$118 566
- Senior Program Officer—\$132 896
- Manager Program Delivery—\$142 844
- Cabinet/Parliamentary Officer—\$108 690

Between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, the following new positions with a total estimated cost \$100 000 or more were created:

- Principal Project Officer—\$132 896
- Principal Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Officer—\$132 896
- Senior Software Developer—\$118 566
- Director Space—\$173 000
- ICT Manager—\$142 844
- Ministerial Liaison Officer / Cabinet / Parliament—\$118 566
- Manager Project Delivery—\$142 844

- ICT Transition Manager—\$142 844
- Principal Project Officer Commercial Development—\$108 690
- Senior Executive Officer—\$118 566
- Business Coordinator, Space, Creative Industries and Hi-tech—\$108 690.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. The Department for Trade and Investment employed 15 FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities in 2019-20 and the total employment cost was \$1.592 million.

The table below details budgeted FTEs and their estimated employment expense to provide communication and promotion activities on behalf of the department in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
FTEs	17	16	16	16
Budget	\$2.146 million	\$2.063 million	\$2.094 million	\$2.125 million

The Department for Trade and Investment's total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 was \$143 592. Budgeted costs for advertising in 2020-21 is \$560 950.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. During the 2019-20 financial year, the Department for Trade and Investment had two employees in receipt of an attraction and retention allowance. The total cost of the allowances was \$17 379. Both allowances were time limited and have since ceased.

Position	Reason	\$000
Business Development Manager	specialised sector knowledge	16
Principal Policy Officer, Investment Strategy	specialised knowledge	1

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. Ministerial employees employed for Hon David Ridgway MLC as at 17 July 2020 were published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 July 2020.

The following table lists public sector employees employed as at 30 June 2020 under the previous Minister for Trade and Investment:

Title	ASO Classification	Non-salary benefits
Office Manager	ASO8	Car park
Principal Communications and Engagement Officer	ASO7	Car park
Senior Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO7	
Ministerial Liaison Officer/Cabinet and Parliamentary Officer	ASO6	
Executive Assistant—Minister	ASO5	
Senior Business Support Officer	ASO4	
Administration Officer	ASO2	

No employees from the department were seconded to work in the minister's office.

TERMINATION PAYOUTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. Since 1 July 2019, the Department for Trade and Investment has made two executive terminations totalling \$284,767.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

1. Since 1 July 2019, the following new executive appointments were made within the Department for Trade and Investment:

POSITION TITLE	SAES LEVEL
Director, State Promotions	SAES1
Director, International Education and Tourism	SAES1
Director, Space	SAES1
Director, Defence	SAES1

The total employment cost for these executive appointments was \$718 448 (excluding on-costs).

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.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020).
(Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Trade and Investment.

Grant program / fund name	Purpose of grant program / fund	2019-20 Budget \$000	2020-21 Budget \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Budget \$000	2023-24 Budget \$000
Convention Bid Fund/ Billion Dollar Benefit	The Convention Bid fund is used to secure events via sponsorships arranged by the Adelaide Convention Bureau (ACB) and Adelaide Convention Centre (ACC). This was transferred to the Department for the Premier and Cabinet to manage during 2020-21.	6,050	-	-	-	-
Economic Investment Fund	The Economic Investment Fund (EIF) was available for investment projects to deliver significant strategic and economic benefits for the state, where there was a case for public support of private project, and when competing with other jurisdictions (national and international) to attract investment.	10,093	7,266	3,300	1,360	-
Health Industries Fund	The Health Industries Fund (HIF) was available to attract international and interstate companies in the life sciences sector to commence or expand operations in South Australia.	200	3,100	-	-	-

Grant program / fund name	Purpose of grant program / fund	2019-20 Budget \$000	2020-21 Budget \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Budget \$000	2023-24 Budget \$000
International Research Co-op Shandong	Supports the establishment and operation of China-Australia Joint International Laboratories support the parties participation in a series of independent research and cooperation projects to develop world leading technology innovations.	400	100	-	-	-
SA Export Accelerator Program	Provides funding to eligible South Australian companies to pursue international market development opportunities.	782	802	823	843	864
SA Export Accelerator Program—Bushfire Relief	To assist South Australian exporters effected by the bushfires maintain their export markets.	200	200	-	-	-
SA Export Accelerator Program—eCommerce Accelerator Program	Provides funding to eligible South Australian companies to pursue international market development opportunities through eCommerce platforms.	808	143	-	-	-
SA Landing Pad	To attract international and interstate early-stage and established companies with transformational and high-growth potential and job creation across priority industries.	500	1,660	1,160	1,180	-
StudyAdelaide	To support StudyAdelaide to promote Adelaide as a destination for international students and implements events and activities to enhance international students' experience during their study time in South Australia.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Food SA	To support development of the food and beverage industry through Food South Australia (FoodSA).	1,000	1,000	960	1,000	1,025
Discretionary Grants	Grants to assist various organisations in South Australia	4,828	10,274	210	211	216

The following table details the new commitment of grants in 2019-20 for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Grant program / fund name	Recipient	Purpose	Value \$000
Convention Bid Fund/ Billion Dollar Benefit	Various	To secure events via sponsorships arranged by the Adelaide Convention Bureau (ACB) and Adelaide Convention Centre (ACC).	2 496
SA Export Accelerator Program	Various	Funding to eligible South Australian companies to pursue international market development opportunities.	648
SA Export Accelerator Program—eCommerce Accelerator Program	Various	To undertake Eligible Activities to build new capability to access international markets through eCommerce platforms.	931
SA Landing Pad	Various	To attract international and interstate early-stage and established companies with transformational and high-growth potential and job creation across priority industries.	440

The following table details the carryover of grants from 2018-19 into 2019-20 for the Department for Trade and Investment:

Grant program / fund name	2018-19 \$000	2019-20 \$000
Convention Bid Fund/ Billion Dollar Benefit	-2,441	2,441

Grant program / fund name	2018-19 \$000	2019-20\$000
Economic Investment Fund	-5,215	5,215
Health Industries Fund	-200	200

The following table details the 2019-20 actual payments made from the Department for Trade and Investment, excluding any payments to other South Australian government departments:

Grant program / fund name	Recipient	2019-20 Payment \$000	Actual
StudyAdelaide	Education Adelaide	2 500	
Convention Bureau Bid Fund	Adelaide Convention Bureau	1 250	
Food SA	Food South Australia Inc	1 000	
Convention Bureau Bid Fund	Adelaide Convention Bureau	926	
South Australia Export Accelerator Program—eCommerce	Various	792	
South Australia Export Accelerator Program	Various	679	
Wine Strategy	Wine Communicators of Australia	457	
Economic Investment Fund	Mushroomexchange Pty Ltd	300	
Thomas Food International—Murray Bridge	Urban Renewal Authority	273	
Export Awards	Business SA	125	
International Research Co-Op Shandong	University of South Australia	100	
International Research Co-Op Shandong	University of Adelaide	100	
International Research Co-Op Shandong	Flinders University	100	
International Research Co-Op Shandong	Flinders University	100	
NDIS Coordinator General	Ageing Well International	98	
Food Strategy	Various	50	
Export Awards	Business SA	35	
Operations	SA Health & Medical Research	25	
Business Missions	Various	10	
NDIS Coordinator General	City of Charles Sturt	5	
Various	Minor sponsorships	3	

The following table details the 2019-20 actual payments into the grant fund for the Department for Trade and Investment.

Grant program / fund name	2019-20 Budget \$000	2020-21 Budget \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000	2022-23 Budget \$000	2023-24 Budget \$000
Economic Investment Fund	50	50	-	-	-

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised:

1. The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2019-20 in question 14.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (24 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. S.J.R. PATTERSON (Morphett—Member of the Executive Council, Minister for Trade and Investment): I have been advised the following:

Following the Joyce review, DTI undertook an organisational redesign to allow it to prioritise and refocus its efforts on trade and investment activities which will best support the government's 3 per cent growth agenda. A new organisational structure was released in November 2019. The major change to the structure of the department was to create new sections of the department that focused on Joyce review recommendation 9.14 DTTI should continue to have separate investment and trade promotion teams to ensure accountability for performance targets and to reflect the different skillsets required in each group.

The new sections of DTI that have been created since 1 July 2019 are:

- Space

- Hi-tech
- Tourism
- Defence
- Strategy, Policy and Analytics; and
- State Promotions.

The purpose of the individual sector areas and the Strategy, Policy and Analytics team is to meet the Joyce recommendations for separate policy, investment and trade promotion teams organised on similar sectoral lines consistent with the government's economic agenda. The state promotions team's purpose is to meet the Joyce recommendation that DTI is charged with the coordination of state positioning and marketing as it relates to trade and investment.

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

1. As at 25 November 2020, the total value of contracts under the Economic and Business Growth Fund (EBGF) managed by SAFA remained unchanged at \$10.13 million.
2. The \$10.13 million in financial assistance from the EBGF has been provided to various entities including Mitsubishi Motors Australia, Sony Interactive, the Southern Launch Project, and the South Australian Landing Pad.
3. The following table shows a breakdown of EBGF funded initiatives as at 25 November 2020:

	\$'000
Government agency initiatives	189,565
Managed by SAFA	10,130
Other*	13,035
TOTAL	212,730
Unallocated balance	107,270
TOTAL EBGF	320,000

*Not disclosed as commercial in confidence.

LOT FOURTEEN

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The initial approved whole of life expenditure budget for the Renewal SA component of the Lot Fourteen project was \$432.7 million. This was subsequently revised to \$424.5 million. The reduction is principally due to lower land tax payments payable by Renewal SA as a result of the government's land tax reforms. The expenditure budget includes a capital expenditure program of \$315.7 million, with the balance relating to operating expenditure and holding costs.

The whole of life capital expenditure budget includes:

- \$95.9 million for renovation of existing heritage buildings;
- \$101.2 million for demolition and site remediation; and
- \$118.6 million for site infrastructure, public realm works and other capital costs.

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In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

1. The functions previously carried out by the former General Manager, People and Place Management, have been reallocated to various positions across the organisation following the abolition of the General Manager, People and Place Management, role in a restructure. The functions were reallocated to the following roles: General Manager, Major Projects and Pipeline; General Manager, Project Delivery and Property; Senior Director People and Culture; and Senior Director Strategy, Marketing and Communications. It is noted that the individuals who are now responsible for the functions previously led by the former General Manager, People and Place Management, also have other significant functions within their responsibility. Some functions undertaken by the former General Manager, People and Place Management, were also terminated in the restructure. The restructure resulted in the abolition of an additional 12 roles.

2. The former employees occupying roles that were abolished in the organisational restructure did not have their employment end on 2 June 2020. These employees separated from the organisation after this date.

LE CORNU SITE, FORESTVILLE

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

Under the existing City of Unley Development Plan, the Urban Corridor Zone—Transit Living—Anzac Highway Policy Area allows for up to six-storeys across the whole of the former LeCornu site.

PROSPECT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

Under the current City of Prospect Development Plan, the Urban Corridor—Boulevard Policy Area allows for up to 8-storeys, transitioning to a maximum of four-storeys along the Churchill Road frontage.

CHILDREN IN STATE CARE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

All three recommendations (20, 23 and 24) of the Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry Report were fully implemented by the former Department for Families and Communities, in consultation with South Australia Police and the Guardian for Children and Young People, by 2010, as confirmed in the second annual report by the Minister for Families and Communities released in November 2010.

Noting that there have been changes to policy, legislation and departmental structure since these recommendations were actioned, the procedures and practices of the Department for Child Protection, and the role of the Guardian for Children and Young People, are consistent with the reporting and functional requirements of these recommendations, as they relate to significant incidents, particularly those concerning sexual abuse of children and young people in care.

AGENCY STAFF

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

Expenditure on agency staff, which includes Department for Child Protection residential care backfill by non-government agencies and the use of other contractors / temp agency staff across the department, expressed as a proportion of total expenses, was 3 per cent in 2019-20.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):

I have been advised that page 96 of the 2020-21 Agency Statements for 2020-21 budget for supplies and services provide the budget spent on goods and services for 2020-21. Forward years have not yet been formally released.

The top 10 providers of goods and services by value to each agency reporting to the minister for 2019-20 and description of the goods and/or services provided is per the table below.

The value of the goods and services that was supplied to the agency by South Australian suppliers is approximately \$295 million.

Vendor name	Amount	Service Description
Baptist Care (SA) Inc	34,448,460	OOHC placement services
Hendercare Foundation	32,271,921	OOHC placement services
Aboriginal Family Support	16,998,171	OOHC placement services, Advocacy & Support services, Reunification services, OOHC placement support services
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	13,193,245	Office accommodation rental, AGFMA's fee, cleaning, car parking rent, electricity and alarm monitoring
Life without Barriers	12,414,123	OOHC placement services
Junction Australia Ltd	12,349,743	OOHC placement services
Minda Corporation	11,836,554	OOHC placement services
Anglican Community Care Inc	10,890,989	OOHC placement services, reunification service

Key Assets Australia	10,407,464	OOHC placement support services
Anglicare SA Inc	10,376,392	Family reunification, OOHC placement support services

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

(1) The following positions with a total estimated cost (inclusive of base salary and employer superannuation) of \$100,000 or more were abolished between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020:

Position Number	Title	Classification	Estimated Cost*
P05802	Director, Office of CE/DCE	SAES1	\$214,200
P12474	Manager, Legislative Reform	MAS3	\$131,911
P12491	Senior Policy Officer, Legislative Reform	ASO6	\$101,598
P12502	Senior Policy Officer, Legislative Reform	ASO6	\$101,598
P12494	Lead Project Officer, Legislative Reform	ASO7	\$111,536
P18940	Lead Project Officer, Service Design	ASO7	\$111,536
P06957	Group Manager, Care Concern Reform	MAS3	\$131,911
P04224	Supervisor, Customer Services	AHP3	\$107,482
P03446	Senior Communications Consultant	ASO7	\$111,536
P04517	Senior Briefing Officer	ASO6	\$101,598
P05090	Manager, Placement Services	MAS3	\$131,911
P05117	General Manager, Out of Home Care	PO5	\$128,393
P05355	General Manager, Residential Care	PO5	\$128,393
P12475	OOHC Project Lead	AHP4	\$117,937
P04965	Manager, Research & Evaluation	ASO7	\$111,536
P04714	Coordinator, Aboriginal Families Team	ASO6	\$101,598
P05429	Supervisor, Murraylands	AHP3	\$107,482
P09762	Senior Manager, MAAU & Statewide Services	AHP4	\$117,937
P05268	Senior Manager, Southern Region Support	AHP5	\$131,381

(2) The following positions with a total estimated cost (inclusive of base salary and employer superannuation) of \$100,000 or more were created between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020:

Position Number	Title	Classification	Estimated Cost*
P29063	Executive Director Service Delivery & Practice	SAES2	\$275,000
P30447	Manager, Disability & Development	MAS3	\$131,911
P29666	Lead Disability Consultant	AHP3	\$107,482
P32046	Lead Clinician, Disability	AHP3	\$107,482
P32047	Lead Clinician, Disability	AHP3	\$107,482
P29319	Project Manager, North Region	ASO7	\$111,536
P31667	Manager Operations, North Region	MAS3	\$131,911
P29296	Manager, Playford Office	MAS3	\$131,911
P28992	Supervisor, Elizabeth	AHP3	\$107,482
P29737	Supervisor, Blair Athol	AHP3	\$107,482
P31467	Supervisor, Woodville	AHP3	\$107,482
P31162	Supervisor, Noarlunga	AHP3	\$107,482
P31136	Supervisor, St Marys	AHP3	\$107,482
P29501	Senior Psychologist	AHP3	\$107,482
P30542	Senior Family Law Liaison Officer	AHP3	\$107,482
P29929	Quality Assessor, FNFV Region	AHP3	\$107,482
P29447	Lead Project Officer, Out of Home Care	ASO7	\$111,536
P30691	Senior Project Officer, Out of Home Care	ASO6	\$101,598
P32096	Manager Operations & Compliance, OOHC	MAS3	\$131,911
P32450	Senior Project Officer, Complaints & Feedback Unit	ASO6	\$101,598
P30278	Principal Project Officer, Executive Services	ASO8	\$124,945
P29964	Senior Contract Manager	ASO7	\$111,536
P32621	Test Analyst, Applications Development	ASO6	\$101,598
P28813	Data Management Analyst	ASO6	\$101,598
P27747	Information Systems Lead	ASO6	\$101,598
P30076	Senior Project Officer, Performance Monitoring & Reporting	ASO6	\$101,598
P27739	Lead Project Officer, Incident Management	ASO7	\$111,536

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

Details for consultancies and contractors has been published in the Department for Child Protection's 2019-20 Annual Report. This includes the details of the purpose (reason) and the actual payment.

Consultants and contractors are engaged in accordance with state Procurement Board policies.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

The average FTE for 2019-20 in relation to the Communications and Engagement Unit was 5.4 FTE with total employee benefits expenditure of \$635,405.

The total expenditure on government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2019-20 was \$16,499 with associated budget for 2020-21 of \$24,000.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

The following attraction and retention allowances were paid to public servants between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 (figures provided represent actual amounts paid):

Position	Classification	Allowance Type	Allowance Amount
Aboriginal Family Practitioner	OPS4	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$5,448
Business Manager	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$5,954
Case Manager	PO10	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$21,170
General Manager	AHP5	Retention Allowance	\$3,289
General manager	AHP5	Retention Allowance	\$3,922
general Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$4,644
Group Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$16,040
Lands Based Worker	OPS5	Retention Allowance	\$12,160
Lands Based Worker	OPS5	Retention Allowance	\$12,123
Lands Based Worker	OPS5	Retention Allowance	\$2,999
Lands Based Worker	OPS5	Attraction Allowance	\$16,987
Lead Practitioner	AHP5	Retention Allowance	\$7,101
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$455
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$4,984
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$265
Manager	ASO7	Attraction Allowance	\$14,938
Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$23,906
Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$2,702
Manager	ASO8	Attraction Allowance	\$10,122
Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$7,816
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$4,781
Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$11,498
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$1,534
Manager	ASO8	Retention Allowance	\$9,704
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$23,906
Manager	ASO8	Attraction Allowance	\$23,497
Manager	ASO8	Attraction Allowance	\$8,363
Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$5,265
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$2,730
Manager	ASO8	Attraction Allowance	\$10,331
Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$16,544
Principal Project Officer	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$4,781
Principal Psychologist	AHP4	Retention Allowance	\$4,827
Principal Psychologist	AHP4	Retention Allowance	\$7,008
Project Officer	ASO5	Retention Allowance	\$2,292
Psychologist	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$4,242
Psychologist	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$5,011
Psychologist	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$286
Regional Director (Acting)	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$23,906

Senior Manager	MAS3	Attraction Allowance	\$10,816
Senior Practitioner	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$23,460
Senior Practitioner	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$25,333
Senior Project Officer	ASO6	Retention Allowance	\$6,586
Senior Psychologist	AHP3	Retention Allowance	\$6,115
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$25,438
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$30,550
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$3,250
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$25,911
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$25,911
Senior Social Worker	AHP2	Attraction Allowance	\$5,379
Snr Business Support Officer	OPS2	Retention Allowance	\$3,650
Senior Manager	MAS3	Retention Allowance	\$16,073
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$21,170
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$8,514
Social Worker	AHP2	Attraction Allowance	\$5,724
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$16,338
Social Worker	AHP2	Retention Allowance	\$4,594
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$4,538
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$21,170
Social Worker	AHP1	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$21,170
Supervisor	AHP3	Attraction Allowance	\$5,543
Supervisor	PO30	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$22,191
Supervisor	AHP3	Retention Allowance	\$9,430
Supervisor	AHP3	Retention Allowance	\$6,189
Supervisor	AHP3	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$27,101
Supervisor	AHP3	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$12,828
Support Worker	OPS2	APY Lands FIFO ALW	\$2,482

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

- 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 or seconded into my office as at 30 June 2020. (Note: Any positions that were vacant as at 30 June 2020 have been excluded. Base Salary figures exclude employer superannuation, recreation leave loading and any payments associated with overtime worked)

Title	ASO Classification	Base Salary at 30 June 2020	Non-salary benefits
Manager, OMCP	ASO7	\$104,671	Car Park
Ministerial Liaison Officer	ASO6	\$98,143	
Executive Assistant to MCP	ASO5	\$86,809	
Senior Business Coordinator	ASO5	\$80,830	
Parliamentary and Cabinet Liaison Officer	ASO5	\$80,830	
Administrative Officer	ASO2	\$57,408	

TERMINATION PAYOUTS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

No executive terminations have occurred in the Department for Child Protection since 1 July 2019.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

One executive position was abolished and one executive position was created during 2019-20. Accordingly, there has been no net increase in the number of executive positions in the Department for Child Protection since 1 July 2019.

During 2019-20, one executive employee separated, and three executive employees were appointed. Their salaries and total remuneration packages are as follows:

1. \$228,049 salary; \$257,291 total remuneration package
2. \$168,950 salary; \$185,000 total remuneration package
3. \$160,835 salary; \$190,000 total remuneration package

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): In response to questions 14 and 15 I have been advised:

The following table provides the allocation of grant program/funds for 2019-20 and across the forward estimates for the Department for Child Protection.

Grant program/fund name	Purpose of grant program/fund	2019-20 Actual Expenditure \$000	2019-20 Budget \$000	2020-21 Actual Expenditure \$000	2021-22 Budget \$000
Documentary Grant	To develop a documentary that explores reconciliation in the context of the child protection system—acknowledging history, learning from the past and present experiences, and working together for a better future.	68	0		
Child and Family Welfare	To plan, coordinate and facilitate an annual sector development training calendar, conference and training opportunities to support the practice development of front-line child protection staff across the government and non-government sector.	50	0		
CAFFSA (Child and Family Focus SA) Policy Officer	Engage a Policy Officer to undertake policy activity that will support the child and family services sector (child protection).			100	100
Family Matters (SA) Campaign	Further the aims of the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia and support collaboration with the SA government on implementation of Family Matters related activity.			100	100
Create Foundation Engaging Children and Young People	For Create to develop a pathway for engagement with children and young people and a strategy to promote the views of young people through appropriate communication channels.			65	0

The following grants were paid during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

Grant program / fund name	Recipient	Payment made in 2019-20 (GST exclusive) \$000	Payment Date	Endorsement Date (signed by both parties)
Documentary Grant	Reconciliation SA Inc	68	24/06/2020	24/06/2020
CAFFSA (Child and Family Focus SA) Policy Officer	Child and Family Welfare Association of SA Inc.	100	26/06/2020	26/06/2020
Family Matters (SA) Campaign	Child and Family Welfare Association of SA Inc	50	26/06/2020	26/06/2020
Create Foundation Engaging Children and Young People	Create Foundation Ltd	65	26/06/2020	22/06/2020

GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2019-20 in omnibus question 14.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection): I have been advised:

There have been no significant changes to the organisation structure during 2019-20.

ACCENTURE

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

Details about any financial assistance provided to Accenture is commercial-in-confidence

DEBT HOLDINGS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised:

As at 30 June 2019, SAFA had \$18.814 billion of fixed and floating rate term debt on issue with an average duration of 4.14 years.

As at 30 June 2020, SAFA had \$20.075 billion of fixed and floating rate term debt on issue with an average duration of 4.62 years.

At as 30 June 2021 SAFA anticipates having \$24.28 billion of fixed and floating rate term debt outstanding with an average duration 5.59 years.

ADELAIDE ZOO

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

Claims are assessed retrospectively to ensure that payment is provided against actual losses incurred.

SAFA is currently holding a total provisional estimate against the claim for Zoos SA of \$5 million. This estimate is subject to change based on firm assessment of losses, either during, or at the end of the claim indemnity period (which is currently 24 March 2021).

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

SAFA receives a notification of applications to the Redress Scheme as they occur. It also receives notification once offers of redress are made and accepted by applicants.

SAFA does not receive any advice on applications made against other participating institutions (including offers of redress) other than what is released publicly on the Commonwealth's Redress website and in its newsletter updates via <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au>

FLEET ELECTRIC VEHICLES

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

As at 30 November 2020, there are 46 plug-in electric vehicles in the fleet.

MEMBER SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The new fee model supports significant compliance work involved in the introduction of Federal legislative and regulatory compliance changes.

Federal superannuation changes include the 'Protecting Your Super' package introduced in 2019-20 and the 'Your Super, Your Future' package introduced in 2020-21.

Increased compliance and reporting obligations have been introduced by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), including new industry benchmarking and the introduction of APRA 'SPS515 Strategic Planning and Member Outcomes' prudential standard reforms.

Modernisation of Super SA—Enablers for Improved Member Services

The new fee model also supports the general modernisation of the fund as it moves into a competitive environment, including:

- Website re-platform
- Contact centre upgrade to cloud-based technology
- Online calculators
- Introduction of forward unit pricing consistent with industry best practice
- Default investment option review—product delivery consolidation
- New roles created in areas such as business development, member experience, digital experience and data analysis.

Alignment to APRA Prudential Standard SPS220—Risk Management

In members' best interests, Super SA is also actively pursuing uplift in risk management, including:

- Enhanced reporting on the board's strategic risks
- Measuring and tracking the risk culture of the organisation
- ICT and data risk management plans
- Development of a cyber security framework
- Automation of key financial controls
- Upgrade of non-secure/outdated software (e.g. MYOB)
- Strategy to reduce retained insurance capital risk, including service risk and reputational risk
- Closure of asset and liability management asset risk.'

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

Of the 4,432 applications received at that point in time, 3,310 applicants received Small Business Grants in round 1.

JOBKEEPER

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

From an analysis of JobKeeper data provided by the Australian Taxation Office (dated 16 November 2020) and ABN data obtained from the Australian Business Register (ABR) (dated 30 November 2020), RevenueSA has determined that 61,794 unique entities with a South Australian address registered with the ABR received a JobKeeper credit as at 31 October 2020.

BUSINESSES WITH TAXABLE PAYROLLS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The requirement to register and the rate of payroll tax is calculated using total Australian grouped wages, with South Australian payroll tax paid on the South Australian wages. There are currently 12,790 taxpayers liable for payroll tax in South Australia, due to their total Australian grouped payrolls being above \$1.5 million. Of these, the total Australian grouped wages 7,724 taxpayers exceed \$4 million.

LAND TAX

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

It was estimated that as a result the government's land tax reform package 92 per cent of, or 47,800, individuals will pay less land tax and 8 per cent of, or 4,300, individuals will pay more land tax.

It was also estimated that 75 per cent of, or 7,900, company groups will pay less land tax and 25 per cent of, or 2,600, company groups will pay more land tax.

The final number of taxpayers that pay lower land tax overall will not be known until billing for the 2020-21 land tax year is complete.

FIRST HOME BUYERS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The First Home Owner Grant and HomeBuilder Grant have different eligibility criteria and require separate applications which are stored in different databases. A comparison of surnames and addresses as at 7 January 2021 indicates that 760 of the 7,776 HomeBuilder Grant applications received are associated with applications for the First Home Owner Grant.

HOMESTART

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

In 2019-20 HomeStart settled 1358 loans. It is estimated that 1,147 home loans were settled where the customer(s) could not arrange bank approved finance at the time of application.

The total amount advanced for these loans was \$340,814,157.

HOMESTART

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

HomeStart holds data about customers who it is estimated may be able to get regular bank finance at the time of settlement, and subsequent loan discharges.

In 2019-20, 159 loans were discharged where it was estimated at the time of settlement (since 2016) they could have possibly obtained finance elsewhere.

The below multi-year analysis shows that for loans older than three years, on average 55 per cent of those customers who could have possibly obtained finance elsewhere at the time they sought finance from HomeStart have already discharged their loan.'

Year of settlement	Total settled	Year of Discharge						Total discharged	% discharged
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
2016	155	8	22	24	15	15	5	89	57%*
2017	181		5	31	29	36	15	116	64%*
2018	236			7	24	56	16	103	44%*
2019	212				8	45	21	74	35%
2020	211					7	13	20	9%
Total discharged		8	27	62	76	159	70	402	

* Average = 55 per cent

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH FUND

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

As at 25 November 2020, there was \$107.3 million available to support future initiatives in the Economic and Business Growth Fund

HOMESTART EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Ms MICHAELS (Enfield)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

As at 30 June 2020 there were 105.68 FTE employed by HomeStart.

In 2019-20 there were 14 employees earning a total remuneration of more than \$151,000, including 3 employees who were provided termination payments who would not ordinarily be in this remuneration band.

HOUSING STIMULUS MODELLING

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The government has provided response in Question on Notice 232.

SUPER SA

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The fee increase in the Triple S scheme, which came into effect on 1 January 2020 raised \$4.5 million in the financial year ended 30 June 2020 and is budgeted to raise an additional \$7.4 million in the 2020-21 financial year.

In the income stream scheme, fee reductions were introduced (from 1 January 2020). These are budgeted to reduce fees by \$2.7 million in the 2020-21 financial year.

LOT FOURTEEN

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

In any commercial leasing agreement, the standard industry practice is to provide a level of lease incentive. The current Adelaide CBD office market incentive rates for comparable properties to the heritage buildings located at Lot Fourteen, are between 30 per cent to 40 per cent of total gross rental. This is taken either upfront as a contribution toward fit-out construction works, or as rental abatement over the term of the lease. These benchmarked rates have been determined in consultation with the external third party project leasing agent.

The incentives offered to tenants at Lot Fourteen are in line with the commercial leasing CBD office market rates for equivalent properties and in most cases incentives are lower than the market rates due to the demand for space at Lot Fourteen.

Five tenants are currently receiving some form of market lease incentive from Renewal SA being either rent free periods or capital towards fit-out. The value of current incentives is \$1.036 million with the time period for these incentives to be paid being over the next three years being the lease terms.

HOUSING STIMULUS PACKAGE

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer): I have been advised the following:

The government has provided response in Questions on Notice 385 and 387.

BUSHFIRE GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms MICHAELS (Enfield)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills): I have been advised:

Of the 203 applications received to 7 December 2020, for the South Australian Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grant, 96 were for the maximum amount of \$50,000.

BUSHFIRE GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms MICHAELS (Enfield)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills): I have been advised:

Over the course of the 3 years funding, operating costs for the business hub on Kangaroo Island are expected to be \$540,000. The remaining funding is being utilised to provide direct support and services to small businesses on Kangaroo Island and in the Adelaide Hills.

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills): I have been advised:

The baseline figure under the National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund has been published on the Council on Federal Financial Relations website: <http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/skills.aspx>.

GOODS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills): I have been advised:

The following table details the annual goods and services budget for the Department for Innovation and Skills between 2020-21 and 2024-25:

	2020-21 Budget \$000	2021-22 Estimate \$000	2022-23 Estimate \$000	2023-24 Estimate \$000
Goods and Services	18,112	13,320	11,399	11,243

No goods and services expenditure is budgeted for the Department for Innovation and Skills—Administered Items between 2020-21 and 2024-25.

The following table provides details on the top 10 providers of goods and services by value in 2019-20 for the Department for Innovation and Skills:

Provider	Description	Amount \$
Renewal SA	Operating lease payments for TAFE SA campuses before they were sold to TAFE SA and the fit-out costs for the Eleanor Harrald Building at Lot Fourteen which were recovered from the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre.	20,871,352
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	Office accommodation charges and the costs of capital improvements at TAFE campuses which were recovered from TAFE SA	6,004,649
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Provision of telecommunication services	987,288
Wavemaker	Marketing costs for various government initiatives including Skilling South Australia	907,990
Data 3 Ltd	Software licencing and IT devices	630,807
NEC Australia Pty Ltd	Network support and server	491,985
SIMEC ZEN Energy Retail	Provision of utilities primarily relating to the TAFE Tea Tree Gully campus	366,963
BDO Advisory (SA) P/L	To assist the transition of ICT services to the Department for Trade and Investment	325,238
Hassell Ltd	Scoping Study for the International Centre at Lot Fourteen	246,217
Peoplebank Australia Ltd	Temporary staff working across various ICT projects	245,452

No goods and services expenditure was incurred by the Department for Innovation and Skills—Administered Items in 2019-20.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (26 November 2020). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills): I have been advised:

Between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, there were two executive roles abolished within the Department for Innovation and Skills. They were:

- Director, Information, Technology and Property Management (SAES1)
- Director, Office of the Training and Skills Commission (SAES1)

The total employment cost for these two roles was \$442,715 (excluding payroll tax).

During this period there were two executive roles created. They were:

- Director, Partnerships and Business Development (SAES1)
- Program Director, Digital Transformation (SAES1)

The total employment cost for these two roles was \$424,950 (excluding payroll tax).