

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

The **SPEAKER (Hon. J.B. Teague)** took the chair at 10:30 and read prayers.

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

### *Bills*

#### **ELECTORAL (BAN ON CORFLUTES) AMENDMENT BILL**

##### *Introduction and First Reading*

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (10:33):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Electoral Act 1985 and to make a related amendment to the Local Government Act 1999. Read a first time.

##### *Second Reading*

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (10:34):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

Corflutes, love them or hate them, are part of our political cycle at the moment. I think for all of us in this house—not so much for those in the other place; I do not think they really know much about corflutes and putting them up on Stobie poles, but I know you do, sir—

##### *Members interjecting:*

**Mr DULUK:** For the local government, that's true. They had to be corralled into do that. They were wondering what they were talking about. We all know on this side in this chamber the perils of dealing with these corrugated plastic signs.

In my view, and in the view of many in the community, of all the political advertising nothing is more notoriously hated by our community than election posters come election time. Members of the public are all too familiar with being bombarded with our faces all stacked together on Stobie poles during the lead-up to an election, quite often illegally placed, breaching local government regulations, too close to traffic lights, cable ties everywhere, metal wires sticking out and people on ladders on the side of the road trying to get the right balance at just after midnight on a Friday before the writs are issued.

##### *Mr Odenwalder interjecting:*

**Mr DULUK:** Just after midnight, member for Elizabeth. I would not think you would ever go after 6pm on a Friday. We all know the perils of putting up posters to usher the dawn of an election period. Scattered alongside the road, these plastic posters not only provide a distraction to drivers but also are a polluting mess that pose many negative impacts on our environment. This bill sets out to remove the number of electoral advertising posters displayed on public roads and heavily reduce the hundreds and thousands of corflutes that end up in the waste each election cycle.

Especially on the Saturday of each election, we see the increased number of these plastic corflutes adorning, for want of a better word, polling booths across the state and, even worse, at federal elections as well, when we see metres and kilometres of plastic wrap being used for the day, for eight hours, and then being disposed of after. And to think—all of that goes into landfill.

The negative impact on our environment is one of the key imperatives for this proposed change in legislation. I often ask the question: what happens to the corflutes of an unsuccessful candidate who does not run again in the future or those corflutes that are graffitied or damaged? That is always a really big issue. Besides local school art teachers who come to my office after each election asking for a pile of corflutes, more often than not they are discarded.

We all know too well what happens: inevitably, these posters are discarded. We are already battling the war on waste, and the election posters, in my view, are an unnecessary added pressure

on our waste system and environment. As the Attorney recently said in her second reading contribution in a similar debate not that long ago in this place:

Corflutes are without doubt detrimental to the environment as there are limited recycling options for them, as acknowledged by the Australian Greens on their website. Polypropylene is not widely recycled, with only two main recycling methods: mechanical recycling, which is complicated...and recycling through chemical methods to break down the corflute...in order to suspend the advertising they require cable ties and other fixings which often get cut and left (on the side of the road)...

While we all try to re-use, repurpose, donate and/or recycle corflutes, it is all too often that during an election they become damaged and weathered. Then, of course, there is the incentive to develop new corflutes with modern design elements, updated photos and new taglines. Think about all the effort that has gone into banning single-use plastics—the effort from us parliamentarians, the business community and individuals. Why can we not have the same perspective when it comes to the use of single-use signs? We all know that without a ban single-use plastics will sadly continue to cycle through the community.

Another major concern includes the diminished roadside safety that corflutes bear by distracting drivers and moving their attention away from important road signage. Once again, as the Attorney raised in previous debates recently, local councils have their concerns about diminished road safety, and personally I find it sometimes difficult. It is hard not to look at my own face and many other faces when driving around at election times when on the daily commute.

When looking at and pondering the hundreds of corflutes as I drive by, I concede that for such a high cost these two-dimensional posters do very little to educate voters about candidates, what their policies are and what they stand for. Times have changed since the first colonial elections in the 1850s. Nowadays, candidates and voters have access to numerous tools to engage with constituents. The internet has brought with it websites, social media and other emerging tools for voters to understand candidates in more detail than their name, face and potential party.

I appreciate not all voters have access to the internet or choose to use social media, but there are still many other tools for candidates to use: doorknocking, letterboxing, community forums, and actually being active in the community, not thinking they can roll up six weeks before election day and claim some mandate to be part of any community. I would hope candidates are out in the community, meeting people at events, holding listening posts and, as I said, doorknocking and letterboxing the streets they intend to represent.

South Australia will not be the first jurisdiction to pass this ban if successful. Other jurisdictions like New South Wales have already banned corflutes on public property. Whilst I acknowledge that there is a limited argument that election posters are one method of alerting the public that an election is imminent, it is not the key determinant. Of course, it is for the Electoral Commission, not necessarily candidates, to ensure the general public are informed of the need to vote, where they should vote and, indeed, in the most professional way, who their candidates are.

In saying all this, private property naturally, as always, should be exempt from these rules. Private property owners will be at liberty to put as many corflutes promoting any candidate as they like on their private property. I know sometimes if you are driving to Melbourne along the Dukes Highway, you might drive past the member for Hammond's corflutes that are probably still there from about 2006.

**Mr Pederick:** They are a fixture.

**Mr DULUK:** They are a permanent fixture on the road to Melbourne.

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** He is trying to get heritage listing.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr DULUK:** You pass the big koala, you go through Bordertown and the member for Hammond's corflutes are there on the Dukes Highway. Of course, being able to have corflutes on private property will naturally always be there, and candidates will be able to erect up to six electoral advertising posters on polling day, including at any polling place and within 50 metres of an entrance to those polling booths. Certainly, at pre-poll and on polling day there will still be corflutes available for members of the public to identify candidates.

Of course, it is not intended for this legislation to ban the use of A-frames, etc., when candidates and members are holding street corner meetings or undertaking poster waving. With the regulations, I believe there will still be electoral posters to notify the public, but there will be limitation restrictions so that we need no longer see the exuberant proliferation of posters we see every election at the moment. I do hope this legislation passes through this place and the other and I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

### **DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (LPG CYLINDER LABELLING) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 17 March 2021.)

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (10:45):** I move:

That this order of the day be postponed.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes .....	21
Noes .....	22
Majority .....	1

#### AYES

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

#### NOES

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

#### PAIRS

Marshall, S.S.	Piccolo, A.
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Motion thus negatived.

**The SPEAKER:** If the member for Wright speaks, he closes debate.

*Members interjecting:*

**Mr BOYER (Wright) (10:51):** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am pleased to finally have an opportunity to—

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I will give the opportunity for any other member who wishes to contribute to the debate. Is there any member—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I have indicated that if the member for Wright speaks he closes debate. I had not given him the call. I will allow members who wish to contribute to the debate at this stage the opportunity to contribute.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Hammond is seeking the call to contribute to the debate. I give the member for Hammond the call.

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (10:52):** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Hammond has the call.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order, sir: standing order 106:

The Speaker calls upon Member to speak

When two or more Members rise together to speak, the Speaker calls upon the Member who, in the Speaker's opinion, rose first.

The member for Hammond was not on his feet. The member for Wright was on his feet, sir, and you made it clear to the house that if he speaks he closes the debate and he began his contribution. I do not know how you can now change that.

**The SPEAKER:** I have the point of order. The member for West Torrens refers to the relevant standing order. What I have done is indicate to the member for Wright that, should the member for Wright speak, he would close debate. I am mindful of the indication that is given on these occasions to afford members wishing to contribute to the debate an opportunity to do so, and that is the reason for flagging to the member who, should he rise to speak, will conclude debate.

What is clear is that, in the circumstances where the debate is underway, it is incumbent upon the Chair to have regard to a member who is seeking the call. The member for West Torrens is correct in drawing attention to the standing order. In the circumstances, there is a member who has risen, seeking to contribute to the debate. In the circumstances, I have given the call to the first member who is seeking to contribute to the debate prior to its closure. In those circumstances, the member for Hammond has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Mr Speaker, I wish to dissent in your ruling.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens wishes to move a motion of dissent in the ruling. Should that be moved, it needs to be put in writing and it can be considered in due course accordingly. Member for Hammond.

**Mr PEDERICK:** I rise to make a brief contribution in regard to the Dangerous Substances (LPG Cylinder Labelling) Amendment Bill. This bill has come about because of the tragic death of—

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Hammond might resume his seat for a moment.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **SPEAKER'S RULING, DISSENT**

**The SPEAKER:** I will give the member for West Torrens the opportunity to address the requirements as to form.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (10:55):** I move:

That I dissent in the Speaker's ruling.

**The SPEAKER:** I have the motion in the following terms. The member for West Torrens moves dissent in the Speaker's ruling. It is in such spare terms. I will accept the motion. Is it seconded?

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** Yes, it is, sir, wholeheartedly.

**The SPEAKER:** Does the member for West Torrens wish to address the motion?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Sir, yes, I do. I do this reluctantly.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! The member for West Torrens has the call. The member for Wright will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Parliamentary tactics are acceptable in this place in their nature. What is not acceptable is the judgement of the Speaker participating in those parliamentary tactics.

There is nothing wrong with the member for Hammond attempting to delay debate, as we know members opposite just voted to try to end this debate because they do not want it voted on. That is despite the interjections from the Attorney-General telling us, 'Just get on with it. We want to go into committee and get this over and done with,' having just divided to end the matter altogether. So spare me the lectures.

Then, completely unprepared, the member for Hammond was being urged to stand up. The Speaker was looking longingly towards the member for Hammond to stand up. Of course, he was unaware he had to get up. The member for Wright was up on his feet, ready to take the call, to have the debate. The Speaker told the house, 'If the member speaks, he closes debate,' and the member began his debate.

Of course, finally, the member for Hammond rose from his slumber, realising what his role is, to get up and start speaking on something—in fact, he was so passionate about it, he had to look it up in the *Notice Paper*. I know the member for Hammond. He comes in here prepared. He always has written notes. He was not planning on speaking. This is a parliamentary tactic. But that is okay—

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

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Mawson!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —to have a parliamentary tactic. What is not okay is when the independent Speaker inserts themselves in that tactic. Why? Because the government is in minority and the government has lost control of the agenda of the House of Assembly. All we wanted was a debate on—wait for it, Mr Speaker—putting a warning label on liquid petroleum gas so that people do not die—

**An honourable member:** Saving some kids.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —to save kids. The government attempted to adjourn it. One member of the government had the decency of their convictions to cross the floor and voted with the opposition and the crossbench to keep the debate going.

Time has come for us to act. Time has come for us to do something. So what has the government attempted to do? Talk out private members, talk it out so the member for Wright's proposal cannot be agreed to because we know the government do not want to do it. But, sir, what has surprised me was your involvement in this ruse by the government. Quite frankly, sir, you are better than that. Quite frankly, sir, you should be above the day-to-day partisan politics of the house. You should be above this. And, sir, I have to say that generally in principle you have adhered to the principles of the house.

The reminder I have is when the government attempted to adjourn a debate on Armenian independence and you, sir, voted with the precedence of the house to continue the debate. We applauded you for that, sir, and I thought we were about to embark upon a new era of independent chairing in the House of Assembly. I applauded you. Indeed, sir, you told me personally that wherever you go if there is an Armenian standing near they come up nearly pulling a hamstring to thank you for allowing that debate to continue because you exercised the independence of the Chair despite whatever personal political cost it would have been to you from the government.

But for you to search for a Liberal speaker when there was none there, searching over and over and over again overtly trying to find someone to speak just because they were not organised,

betrays, sir, the independence this house thought you had. Your ruling is wrong, sir. Your ruling is wrong. The member for Wright was on his feet. The member for Wright was speaking. *Hansard* will show that he was speaking.

You erred, sir. You made a mistake. You did not fulfil your oath during this ruling. And the house wants you, sir, to know that we dissent from your ruling. You are wrong. You are wrong to have made that decision. You are wrong to have erred this way. You are wrong to have tried to insert yourself in the day-to-day political machinations of this house. That is not what we want from you, sir. We want you to remain Chair. We want you to remain Speaker. We want you to be an independent, impartial Chair imparting impartial justice and enforcing the standing orders.

We do not want you to resign, but we want you to know that dissent, sir, is the last resort of the opposition. I think it has only been done three times in three years, from memory. I could be wrong on that; it might be one more. But the idea that the Speaker would insert themselves in the political machinations of the party of his affiliation to try to continue a debate after the government had tried to adjourn it simply to try to run the clock down is offensive to the house. It is offensive to the house and the Speaker knows it—and the Speaker knows it.

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** The cameras will show it.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The cameras will show it. My colleague the member for Lee is absolutely right: the cameras and the evidence will show that the Speaker of the House of Assembly knew what the game was and wanted to participate in it, and they should not.

So, Mr Speaker, I am sad to say you are wrong. You are wrong in your ruling. You are wrong in the way you have conducted yourself. The member for Hammond I bet does not even know why he is called up in this, does not even know how this has happened to him. He is just as much a victim as the member for Wright is, just as people who do not know that liquid petroleum gas could be fatal are. Let's get back to the core of this debate: should we put the warning labels on LPG containers? And the answer is, yes—

**Mr Odenwalder:** Yes, obviously!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —obviously we should. But the government tried to stop it then tried to talk out the debate.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Point of order.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for West Torrens will resume his seat.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** I ask you to bring the member back to the substance at hand, which is his suggestion of dissent. He is actually trying to move on to actually debate the bill itself.

**The SPEAKER:** Well, the context in which the motion is moved is clear enough. I think the member for West Torrens is entitled to make some observation about the context. I am not sure about imputing any particular motives, but I do not uphold the point of order. The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The victims here, Mr Speaker, are parliamentary procedure, the standing orders and the good order of the house, which you are entrusted to uphold. I note the former Speaker giggling away. Mr Speaker, you and the former Speaker both know your job is hard. I do not for a moment think that the Speaker's job is easy. It is a difficult job, especially when you have a government reeling from being forced into minority through its own actions. That must be difficult to cope with, but it is not your role, Mr Speaker, to assist the government in its political tactics. It is not your job.

Your job is a job that the Premier cannot give you again. Your job is in the gift of the house, and the house wants you to remain Chair and remain independent, and you have erred by straying from that path you took when you first voted against the government to continue debate. Somehow you have had a lapse. Maybe it was a bad morning, a bad breakfast—who knows. I do not know what it is, but I will not be lectured to by the Attorney-General, who just voted in a division to end debate and is now crying wolf saying, 'We just want to get on with this,' despite having voted to adjourn it.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the leader!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The front!

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the Deputy Premier! The member for West Torrens has the call.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** It is almost the same audacity as putting NationBuilder Liberal Party links in government websites to harvest data—that sort of front. So, Mr Speaker, we do dissent from your ruling. We ask that the house consider this dissent, not on the basis of your removal as Speaker but as a lesson to the house that we want a signal to the house that we want impartial justice from the Chair, not to insert yourself in the day-to-day political machinations of the Liberal Party—as desperate as they are now that they are in minority—to alleviate the burden on the member for Hammond, who is being forced to speak on a bill he knows little about. He was asked to do so as a political tactic. We all saw it plain as day.

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** As did the cameras.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** As did the cameras, as will *Hansard*, as did everyone in here. I know it, the government knows it, you know it, everyone in the building knows exactly what happened: the Speaker searched for a Liberal Party speaker to talk it out. Why? Because the move to adjourn lost, which means they will lose in the house, and they do not want to. They have been humiliated enough, but yet one more humiliation for the Liberal Party.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:07):** I rise in opposition to the dissent motion. There is absolutely nothing inappropriate in what you did. I find it very strange that the member for West Torrens would find it acceptable and include in his recent speech the fact that, when an adjournment motion is tied, there is a convention that has the Speaker opposing the adjournment so that debate can continue.

He is comfortable with that convention, but he is not comfortable with the convention—which happens week in and week out—that the Speaker says that if the particular member who moved the motion speaks he will close debate. As is always the case, that is a signal for anybody else who might like to contribute to the debate to stand up and do so.

Whether the potential closer is on his or her feet or not, it is always the case that the Speaker reminds the house that if that particular member speaks they will close the debate. When the Speaker gives that reminder to the house, there is always an opportunity for any other member who has not already spoken to come to his or her feet to make a contribution. So the member for West Torrens is happy with one convention but is not happy with another convention, and that is completely inconsistent.

The member for West Torrens talks about parliamentary tactics. In fact, the very first words that came out of his mouth when he rose to speak on this were parliamentary tactics. It is actually the member for West Torrens who is attempting to use parliamentary tactics, Mr Speaker. You have been perfectly consistent with regard to your respect for and your delivery of convention in this place, and to allow any speaker who has not already spoken the opportunity to do so before debate is closed is a time-honoured convention, and that is all you did.

We did move for adjournment, and the house did not support the adjournment, so that puts us in the position of being ready, willing and able to continue debating. It is not to seek adjournment and, if the house does not adjourn, then do nothing: it is seek adjournment and, if the house chooses not to adjourn, then we are back to business, and that is exactly where we are. The member for Hammond has made it very clear that he would like to speak on this bill.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** The Attorney-General has made it very clear that, if it is the will of the house to move on to committee, as I understand it is, because I believe that the opposition has some amendments, we are ready to do that as well.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** There is nothing inconsistent with seeking an adjournment and, if that adjournment is unsuccessful, let us get back to work.

**The SPEAKER (11:10):** I will make some further remarks pursuant to standing order 135(3). First, I reject the assertion as to knowledge of any particular parliamentary tactic. The chain of events just now was as follows: the house divided on a motion to adjourn.

The result of the division was that the house resolved to continue debate. In those circumstances, in exercising my role as the Chair I extended the courtesy to the house, and that is to all members who might wish to participate in the debate. I am very conscious that members on all sides may well wish to contribute to the debate.

So as to be abundantly clear, I would just indicate that I had no prior knowledge or notice of any particular speaker or intent in relation to this matter. In seeing the member for Wright on his feet following the adjournment motion, it was brought to my attention that, in the circumstance, should the member for Wright commence speaking then he would close debate. In those circumstances, I looked diligently across the chamber with a view to giving any member who chose to participate the opportunity to do so.

That is the relevant chain of events in terms of the exercise of the granting of the call and in relation to the disposition of business in circumstances where the house had just voted not to adjourn debate. As far as I was concerned, in circumstances where the house has just voted not to adjourn debate, it might be expected, from the perspective of the Chair, that there may be members in the house wishing to continue that debate, so my focus and concern with respect to all members were simply that: to give all members who might choose to do so an opportunity, perhaps an ample opportunity, to take that chance to contribute to the debate.

So the ruling was made in those circumstances. I will now go ahead and put the question that the motion of the member for West Torrens of dissent in my ruling be carried.

Motion negated.

#### *Bills*

### **DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (LPG CYLINDER LABELLING) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Debate resumed.

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:14):** I would have loved to make a—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Hammond has the call.

**Mr PEDERICK:** I appreciate the so-called experts on the other side, and I might remind the opposition that I probably speak on more bills and make more contributions than anyone in this house, so to make any other reflection is just wrong.

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Without notes.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Yes, without notes as well. In regard to this bill, this very serious bill about LPG labelling, there are many complexities around it, many complexities the industry has been working through. It resulted in the very sad death of Mr Patrick Ryan. I know work is being done on putting valves on cylinders so huffing cannot happen but, sadly, because of the time taken up with the dissent motion and the wish for me and the government to see this proceed through the second reading, I will leave my comments there and wish this bill a speedy passage through the house.



*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr BOYER (Wright) (11:16):** I am pleased to finally have the opportunity—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**Mr BOYER:** —here to close debate on second reading contributions. The house will most likely remember, I hope, that Patrick Ryan passed away in February of last year. It is about 14 months now since that tragic event occurred in Port Lincoln, when Patrick was at a party with some friends and made a spur of the moment decision, I guess you could describe it as, to try inhaling some LPG gas from a barbecue cylinder that was at the property. Paddy then died very quickly from what is referred to as sudden inhalation death syndrome, which essentially stopped his heart after he took a huff of that LPG.

The first responders from the Port Lincoln community were paramedics. When I visited Port Lincoln last year with some other members of this place, including the members for Cheltenham and Mawson, I had the opportunity to sit for the first time with Adrian Ryan, Patrick's father, and talk to him about, obviously, what the effect of his son's passing had been on him, which was nothing short of catastrophic. By chance, we also got the opportunity to speak to the paramedics who I believe were there and responded that night. It was confronting to listen to their stories of how attending the party and trying to revive Patrick for a considerable period of time affected them and how it has affected the Port Lincoln community more broadly.

We have, of course, had Mr Ryan in this place to observe debate before. On that occasion, I was hopeful that we might be able to continue debate. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful, and that was a matter of deep regret to me and deeply upsetting to Mr Ryan, who was in tears because he had come here with hope in his heart that he would be able to witness in this place something positive come from his son's passing, but on that occasion it was not to be.

I have refrained on subsequent occasions from inviting Mr Ryan to come to parliament for this debate in case we have a repeat of that scenario, because I would not wish to put him through that again. I am hopeful that we might have more success on this occasion and will conclude my remarks by referring briefly to the contribution made by the Attorney at the second reading last year, which concluded by saying:

It is a tragic story for young Patrick Ryan, and I certainly hope, with the support of his family, to see change. With the sentiments expressed by the member in introducing this bill—the Hon. Connie Bonaros taking this issue up initially—we will exert sufficient pressure on the industry to do something here in South Australia before anywhere else, but if they do not, and we come back here in February, we will obviously be able to take up the issue.

Well, it is almost April now, so I hope that this house sees fit to finally take action on this very important matter and that we can do the little bit within our reach to ensure that another young life like that of Patrick Ryan is not lost to huffing of liquid petroleum gas.

Bill read a second time.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I move:

That Private Members Business, Bills, be extended until the completion of Order of the Day No. 3, Dangerous Substances (LPG Cylinder Labelling) Amendment Bill.

**The SPEAKER:** I will accept that motion as a precedence motion, that is, not with respect to time but with regard to precedence of this bill. In the circumstances, I accept the motion.

Motion carried.

*Committee Stage*

In committee.

Clause 1.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I indicate to the house that this bill, as has rightly been pointed out by a number of speakers, follows the tragic death of Patrick Ryan. No-one knows the family better than the member for Flinders, who has been a passionate advocate for doing something about this.

I also acknowledge the Hon. Connie Bonaros, who took up this formula as being an appropriate way, that is, mandating warnings in relation to any products that are sold that can cause this. Largely, it relates to gas cylinders with LPG contents sold for domestic use. Of course, they contain liquefied petroleum gas and therefore, when misused and inhaled, can and have caused at least this death and possibly others. This was the model that was presented.

I, too, want to place on the record the Premier's meeting with Adrian Ryan and my meeting with the member for Flinders on this matter and Mr Adrian Ryan, as well as one of those who attended to support the family in the circumstances, who I think also was one of the paramedics, though I am not sure whether she actually appeared on the day. This has brought a difficult issue to the fore for us to consider how we deal with it and whether we should have a mandatory imposition by virtue of this legislation for dangerous substances such as this.

What has happened since the introduction of this legislation, however, has been that negotiations have been underway with the industry, in particular the Australian Gas Association, which represents the people who deal with both the retailing and the labelling.

Two interesting things have happened. One is that the association has been consistent with seeking that there be more than a labelling, but a capacity for these cylinders to be made inhaling-proof—namely, that there be a physical addition to the structure to restrict the capacity for somebody to inhale—and then, thereby, the development of a valve system which members may or may not know is due to commence implementation as a requirement as of 1 April, which of course is tomorrow, so I am very pleased that that has been developed during this time.

Secondly, there have been ongoing discussions with the association on behalf of the industry as to effective labelling on the cylinder, where it should be placed, what size it should be and what it should comply with. Shortly, we will deal with some amendments that help to deal with that issue. That is really the substance of the impost proposed under this bill. I think it is fair to say it is near completion, so it certainly came as some surprise to me that the government would want to push ahead with the bill today in the knowledge that there seems to be agreement, particularly with Mr Adrian Ryan, on the labelling that has been developed by the association.

It is to include wording—some of which is foreshadowed in an amendment here today—and they have reached agreement as to how big that will be. The final thing is where it sits on the cylinder and, if it is applied, whether it can still sit under the valve and/or where it might be placed on the cylinder. These are mechanical things which at least have progressed in the development of what is to occur on a voluntary arrangement with the association.

I meant exactly what I said when I spoke on this bill at the second reading; that is, if the industry drag their feet and they do not come to some settlement about how they are going to act in relation to a warning, via a label or painted on or pictures of flames or whatever was going to be negotiated, then they will have to face a mandatory imposition of that.

I am very pleased that trying to resolve what is achievable, what is practical and what can be enforceable has with it now the development of the valve. I do not know how the valve operates. I am not a technical person in that regard, and I have not even been briefed on it, but I am assured that this is something that will add to the safety of consumers who operate this, in that they will not be able to inhale it physically, and I think that is to be applauded.

I do not in any way criticise the member for bringing this matter to the attention to the house, and for introducing it in any way. In fact, I am in support of Ms Bonaros's move to try to have some reinforcement and make the industry look at this as a necessary application if they do not come up with something themselves. I give them credit for having developed it this far. It seems to be close to resolution, but probably we will have to go through it all again now because we are going to have to do the regulations that go with all this to impose it.

I would ask that if the industry have got to that stage and are happy to voluntarily progress with the label they do so. I place on the record my request that they continue those discussions and negotiations. Ultimately, when this type of legislation goes through the parliament, there will have to be a process and there will have to be a regulation that sits with it. I expect some of these amendments will help to make clearer what is expected because it will be in the act and it will not need to be in the regulations. I will briefly address them as they are presented by the mover of the

amendments. With those few words, I indicate that we will not have reached a mandatory imposition Australia-wide.

But bear in mind, however, that Easter is coming, so let me give you a classic example of what will happen when you do not have national application of these types of laws. Somebody comes along from Victoria (presumably they will not come from Queensland because we have hotspots everywhere up there) with their caravan this long weekend, over Easter. Doubtless, they will have already bought their cylinder or have an existing one on the back of their van for the purposes of gas supply while they are here, but they will not know about the laws we are discussing here in the parliament.

The act will not have been necessarily proclaimed obviously, but they will come into our state and they will have their holiday and, hopefully, they will safely use their cylinder and then they will go home. But next month, or in two months' time, when our law applies, those same Victorians can come back with the same cylinders bought in Victoria and still be able to be in our state with that product.

They will not be able to buy another one without a label on it, because in South Australia if they want to buy another one they are going to have to have a label on it—and hopefully it will have its valve on it—but they might still be using the other one. Some other child in the caravan park might go up and think, 'Well, this is beaut. This is one of those old ones,' and might use it, but we hope they will not, for purposes which might be fatal.

We need to have some responsibility in the house about what legislation we pass when others do not come with us. They may need to—and it should be that they need to, particularly if the industry does not progress with its voluntary intervention in the meantime—but if they do not, then we are left with that mess.

I commend the Hon. Connie Bonaros for raising this issue and bringing it to the attention of the parliament. I make no reflection on the member for introducing it here. There has been significant progress during the time of its introduction to today, with continued consultation with Mr Adrian Ryan, as there should be, because it is the plight and pain of his circumstance and his family's loss that we are all here for.

Clause passed.

Clauses 2 and 3 passed.

Clause 4.

**Mr BOYER:** I move:

Amendment No 1 [Boyer-2]—

Page 3, lines 2 to 7 [clause 4, inserted section 26A(2)]—Delete subsection (2) and substitute:

- (2) For the purposes of this section, a cylinder in which gas is sold or supplied, or to which gas is transferred, must have a label with the following wording affixed to the body of the cylinder:

Intentional misuse by deliberate concentrated inhalation may cause injury or death.

There is not a great deal I need to add in terms of this amendment in my name. It talks about the actual wording of the label to ensure, as the Attorney just highlighted in her remarks, that it is consistent with what is being worked on in terms of the Gas Energy Australia voluntary scheme. That wording is to be—and we have taken advice on this to make sure it is consistent—'Intentional misuse by deliberate concentrated inhalation may cause injury or death'.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I indicate that I have no objection to the amendment on the basis that, on the two draft labels I have seen during the course of these most recent discussions on the negotiation, it is exactly these words that have been settled upon to be included.

There has been some debate about where that should be in the list of other notices of concern, if I can put that in a general way, and directions on how to properly use the cylinder, in order from the bottom to the top. I think we have got to that stage; now it is just a question of whether those words be separated and placed more centrally or at some other location on the cylinder. There has

been an advance on that, and I thank the industry for doing that. In the circumstances, I make no objection to the amendment.

Amendment carried.

**Mr BOYER:** I move:

Amendment No 2 [Boyer-2]—

Page 3, lines 13 to 16 [clause 4, inserted section 26A(4)]—Delete subsection (4) and substitute:

- (4) The colours and lettering used on a label under subsection (1) must be in accordance with—
  - (a) AS 2700—2011 *Colour standards for general purposes* and AS 1319—1994 *Safety signs for the occupational environment*; or
  - (b) AS 4484 *Gas cylinders for Industrial, Scientific, Medical and Refrigerant gas labelling and colour coding*.

This amendment is not dissimilar to my amendment No. 1 in the sense that this is ensuring that the label to be affixed to cylinders meets the Australian standards, in particular AS2700-2011, which is (a) colour standards for general purposes, and safety signs for the occupational environment, and (b) Australian standard 4484: gas cylinders for industrial, scientific, medical and refrigerant gas labelling and colour coding.

As per the first amendment in terms of what the actual wording on the label is to be, this amendment is to make sure that, in terms of how it is presented, it is consistent with other like labels in similar industries.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I indicate that it is a little unusual to refer an obligation in the act to be in accordance with certain standards. I would suggest that probably what would have been preferable was to prescribe the label, and that would usually be done by regulation, sometimes because that makes it more manageable to vary, especially as national standards, whatever they may be, change.

It is a little novel in the way this is being progressed, but nevertheless, again on the documents that I have seen, during the course of the discussion of progressing what is to be, they are all in the red and yellows, which I understand are compliant with these guidelines and standards that are to be applied for the purposes of safety signs on equipment such as these.

I therefore have no reason to suggest that there is any deviation from those obligations. However, I just note that if there is to be a change—and there may need to be a further change—that will need to come back to the parliament, but otherwise I make no other contribution.

Amendment carried.

**Mr BOYER:** I move:

Amendment No 3 [Boyer-2]—

Page 3, after line 20 [clause 4, inserted section 26A]—After subsection (5) insert:

- (5a) This section does not apply in respect of the sale or supply of a cylinder that—
  - (a) has a water capacity of less than 500 ml and is designed as a cartridge to be used in or as part of a camp stove; or
  - (b) has a water capacity of more than 25 L.

This amendment relates to the size of cylinders to which this will apply if it is successful. Again, we have taken advice from Gas Energy Australia and other people in the industry about what is the most appropriate size of cylinders to affix these labels to, and that is not less 500 ml and not more than 25 litres.

In the original draft of this I believe I had 10 instead of 25 based on what is the normal size of an LPG cylinder that is around a domestic property. After taking advice from Gas Energy Australia, it was made clear to us that there would be no issue, they thought, in increasing that up to 25 litres, so in the name of being cautious and thorough we have done so.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I acknowledge the amendment as being an improvement to what was in the bill, because, quite simply, to have such an application to such a broad range of products was, of course, going to be impractical and unrealistic in relation to its implementation.

Just to give one example to the parliament of what can occur in these circumstances, many of those who are here represent country districts and many would appreciate that, in the country, you do not have lots of things on tap, and one of them is gas. Cylinders are therefore a provision of energy source for many people who do not have that immediate facility online.

Sometimes they also have to provide their own water, their own power and everything else, but gas is one of those areas where it is still a commonly utilised product, sometimes for heating for hot-water systems, sometimes it is for equipment for stock use, sometimes it is for using a gas stove in a home like any other person would use. So very large cylinders are delivered or collected, and they are often installed.

They are much bigger than what you see on the back of a caravan, and they are much bigger than what you see at someone's local barbecue, but they are a necessary source of energy for those purposes. I would suggest that it would be unrealistic to expect that the same labelling and process would apply in relation to what is essentially a commercial use.

Obviously, there are always obligations in relation to the storage of fuel and other dangerous substances, so there are a whole lot of other laws that can protect in relation to that. But, the likelihood of someone accessing that resource for the purpose of huffing gas, as is described, of course would be extremely remote. I think the member has quite appropriately listened to the industry and modified with this amendment.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

New schedule 1.

**Mr BOYER:** I move:

Amendment No 1 [Boyer-3]—

Page 3, after line 24—After clause 4 insert:

Schedule 1—Transitional provision

1—Transitional provision—Existing labels

- (1) Section 26A of the *Dangerous Substances Act 1979* as inserted by this Act does not apply in respect of a cylinder in circumstances where—
  - (a) a label containing the prescribed wording was affixed to the body of the cylinder before the commencement of this Act; and
  - (b) the prescribed wording on the label is and remains clear and legible.
- (2) In this clause—

*prescribed wording* means the wording or statement required on a label under section 26A(2) of the *Dangerous Substances Act 1979* as in force after the commencement of this Act.

This amendment, as per the previous ones I have already moved this morning, is moved on advice from Gas Energy Australia and industry in terms of where the requirements of this bill, should it be successful, do not apply, specifically in terms of a label containing the prescribed wording already being fixed to the body of the cylinder before the commencement of the act, and the prescribed wording on the label is and remains clear and legible at that point. This amendment is to make it clear that in those cases there is no requirement to affix a new label to a cylinder that falls within the categories mentioned in the previous schedule and that amendment.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I note the change of the schedule. Again, this is really to correct a circumstance that has arisen because, unfortunately, this legislation came to the parliament without any broad consultation being undertaken and, of course, that is precisely why we need to carefully consider these matters.

As it has turned out, while there has been some delay in the development of this law, there have been ongoing negotiations and the association, though, has raised a number of matters, but there have also been groups, such as the Australasian Convenience and Petroleum Marketers

Association and other retailers, that have now had a say and been able to explain the practical application of these things.

It is a lesson to everyone in the parliament that it is important to bring to the public attention and to this parliament issues where there is a great concern, whether it is hoon driving or anything else, but it is also important to do some of the work before you get here; otherwise, it will fracture the prompt advancement of these things if they are not done properly. Mr Chair, you are very well aware of the circumstances that led to the development of this legislation. It is painful and it is a tragedy. I am pleased we are reaching a resolution of this matter and I do not raise any concerns about this amendment being progressed.

New schedule inserted.

Title passed.

Bill reported with amendment.

*Third Reading*

**Mr BOYER (Wright) (11:44):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

I might make some very brief closing remarks of my own, just to thank some people who have been involved in the preparation of the bill and those who have been integral to helping me ensure that it reaches this point, including the Hon. Connie Bonaros MLC from the other place who is here listening to the debate, whose bill this is. I am very thankful that she gave me the opportunity to take carriage of it in this place on her behalf.

To you, Deputy Speaker, we would not be getting this passed without your support today. That is not lost upon me, it is not lost upon Adrian Ryan and it is not lost upon the Hon. Connie Bonaros, and we thank you for your advocacy and your courage in crossing the floor. I am sure that members of your local community, although they will not have you standing at the next election, will remember your support on some of these really important issues, so thank you.

To those Independent members of this chamber who have supported this bill at a number of key junctures, including the member for Florey, the member for Frome and the member for Mount Gambier as well, I thank you greatly for your support. I also thank the member for Narungga for his support in more recent times.

I would also like to make reference one final time to the member for Mawson, the member for Cheltenham and the Hon. Kyam Maher in the other place, who joined me on a trip to Port Lincoln last year and sat down with me while we spoke to Mr Ryan and the paramedics. They have since helped me within our own side here, and I thank them for that. Also, those not from our side of politics who have found their way to support this bill by my encouraging them to do what I believe is the right thing, I thank you for your support on this matter.

Finally, the most important thanks by far go to Adrian Ryan. It is hard to describe him without sounding in some way insulting, but I am sure Adrian himself would be fine with me referring to him as a genuine kind of knockabout Aussie bloke not inclined to seek the attention or the spotlight on issues like this, but due to very tragic circumstances in the passing of his own child he decided to channel the immense grief that he felt into trying to do something to ensure it did not happen to another family.

I have to say, I am sure that would be really difficult to do after the passing of one's child. I can only imagine the anger and rage you would feel. I think it would be very difficult to find a way to channel that into doing something constructive instead of just remaining angry at the world, but, incredibly, Adrian did that and he has kept at it.

I can tell you that there is no more powerful advocate for this bill than Adrian Ryan. He might be your knockabout Aussie bloke who is not known to stand and speak publicly or engage himself in issues like this, but when you sit down with him and he speaks from the heart about what happened on that night and the effect it has had on his family and the effect it has had on first responders in

Port Lincoln, I challenge anyone to have that conversation with Adrian and walk away and not support a bill like this.

This is really his work. I hope it will be referred to as Paddy's Law, but it is Adrian Ryan who has done this. I hope that when Adrian reads the remarks from today he feels a sense of pride in what he has achieved and that when he remembers his son, as I know he does every single day, there is just a small glimmer of positivity in terms of what has come out of this. To Adrian I say: this was you who did this. I am extremely honoured to have played the small role I have in making it a reality.

Bill read a third time and passed.

### *Motions*

## **HARMONY DAY**

**Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (11:49):** I move:

That this house—

- (a) celebrates Harmony Day on 21 March 2021;
- (b) celebrates our First Nations people as the oldest continuous culture in the world and recognises the ongoing connection of Aboriginal people to this land;
- (c) recognises the rich cultural, linguistic, racial and religious diversity of our South Australian community, which contributes strongly to our social, economic and wider cultural fabric;
- (d) applauds generations of migrants who have sacrificed so much and worked so hard to establish new lives in South Australia and share their culture with our state;
- (e) works to call out and end racism, discrimination and prejudice in all its forms; and
- (f) recognises the success of multiculturalism and interculturalism in South Australia and that our cultural diversity is our strength.

I do wish to highlight a number of the wonderful community-building endeavours of my local community of Badcoe in my contribution; however, I wish to start by addressing paragraph (e) of my motion. Paragraph (e) states that this house 'works to call out and end racism, discrimination and prejudice in all its forms'. It is so sad that there is still so much to be said about racism in our community, even in my community, which I would say is quite an enlightened, generous and kind electorate of people. Sadly, even in such a well-informed and friendly place as Badcoe, there are those who have some pretty damaging ideas.

The difficult topic I would like to talk about today before moving on to maybe more pleasant topics is the growing number of conversations I am having with people in my electorate who are of Asian descent, and particularly of Chinese descent, who are raising with me instances of racism in their everyday lives. Typically, the people who have been raising this issue with me are around my age and generally mothers. The racism they are experiencing—quite shockingly, I think—is in public.

The instances that have been raised with me have been out in public, in shopping centres, grocery stores and car parks, while these women are with their children but, strangely enough, not with their partners, so usually while they are alone. One such instance is Christina of Glandore. She is from Taiwan originally and only became a citizen about two weeks ago. She told me only yesterday about an instance in which she was verbally abused and targeted in a car park in our area while she had her children in the car. She did actually confront the gentleman who made the remarks about her and ended up in a verbal altercation with him.

She talked to me about how she frequently experiences racism and racist comments either made directly to her or whispered at her in public. She feels that she has been targeted several times in public, with people referring to her as Chinese and referring to Chinese trade policies, referring to the origins of COVID, referring to China's human rights record and also referring to China as a threat when they address her, even though she is Taiwanese.

Another instance raised with me a few weeks ago was by Li of Clarence Gardens, who is of Chinese origin and has two little children. She told me how she now does her shopping online as she does not want to go to the local shops because people so frequently call her out as Chinese and confront her about her ethnic origin—and not in a flattering way. To have things whispered at you while you are simply trying to do your shopping, while you are looking after your children or while you

are getting on in our community, just as anyone else is, is absolutely appalling. I can understand why this woman, who is about my age, now does not even want to go to the shops and does not even want to be out in our community. That is a terrible thing and, to me, such a violation of her right to exist in our community just like anyone else.

One of the things that really stayed with me from that conversation with Li was when she talked about the racism she experienced as a teenager, when Pauline Hanson's One Nation was on the rise, and that the racism and quite blatant comments being made to her now are as bad, if not worse, than that period in the nineties or maybe early 2000s. I really thought that we were better than that. I thought that we were over that as a community and were past that kind of ridiculous racism being targeted at Asian people.

We are not just talking about online abuse here, although certainly that is something that has changed in the last 10 or 20 years, due to the rise of social media and the anonymity that goes with people being able to make remarks about each other or target each other in an anonymous fashion, never really having to be held to account for the horrible things they say.

What we are talking about here is personal and verbal attacks on people in public. I really want to use this opportunity to call that out—obviously, I will have some much more pleasant things to say about some of the great work that different ethnic groups do in my community—and say that this is not good enough, that this is not what people in Adelaide are like and that we should not be standing for this.

There are several other people who have been raising these issues with me at citizenship ceremonies, directly contacting me about it on social media and also from people I have spoken to while doorknocking in places like Forestville and Black Forest. Honestly, it just makes me so sad to hear those stories. I really think that those of us here, and I am sure everyone here, would call it out and would do what they could to try to stop it from happening to people.

It is understandable that a number of those people do not want to come forward and be known for fear of facing further victimisation and absolutely out of a desire to protect their children from this as well. It is outrageous to me that people who left China to build new lives here in Adelaide would be subject to this abuse. It honestly makes me feel really ashamed and disappointed, and it makes me feel sick as well, and I am sure it does that to other people who have had their constituents raise these concerns with them as well.

It is so important that even if we, as Australians, disagree with the decisions made by the state of China, the government of China, we recognise that the state of China is not the Chinese Australians who live in our community. They are not the same. We cannot ascribe the views of the Chinese state to people living here, Chinese Australians who are making new lives for themselves here—and we should not.

There are certainly some pretty horrible things that China has done and continues to do as far as its human rights record goes and we will, of course, continue to call that out, and we should. But just because those things are happening does not mean that Chinese Australians living here in our community support those things. We should not be associating the actions of the Chinese government with people who live quite productively and peacefully in our community and who want to contribute to our society.

A recent study by the Lowy Institute found that almost one in five Chinese Australians say they have been physically threatened or attacked in the past year, with most blaming tension stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic or hostility between Canberra and Beijing. Around one in three community members also say they faced verbal abuse or discriminatory treatment. One in three—that is absolutely appalling. But, encouragingly, in that same report it stated that almost 70 per cent of Chinese Australians still say they feel accepted by Australian society, with almost eight in 10 saying that Australia is a good place to live. I hope we ensure that that not only continues but actually improves so that 10 out of 10 Chinese Australians will say that they value being here.

We have to do better, not only because China is an important trading partner, not only because of the links to tourism and international students, but mainly because we are talking about people and we are talking about real people who live in our community, people who are members of



our community just as much as every single one of us here today. We have to call out racism. We have to talk about it and we have to make it clear to everyone in our community that it is not okay.

Obviously, this has been perpetrated by a tiny minority of people, but it brings down the reputation of all of us as a community, so it is incumbent upon those of us who do have the power to speak out to do so and to make sure that we eradicate this racism that is going on in our community. To all those who are subject to this abuse, I am so sorry; we are so sorry. We are here and we are going to do our best to stamp out this unacceptable treatment, this racism that you are experiencing.

In the final few minutes I have, I want to pay tribute to a few groups in my community that are doing some brilliant work. I had the great pleasure of going to the Holi festival on the weekend with my colleague the shadow minister for multicultural affairs. Holi is a pretty fun occasion. We managed to get ourselves completely covered in different colours, and we had a good dance around with the Indian, Pakistani and Nepalese communities in the bright sunshine down at the Semaphore Foreshore. We also soaked up some absolutely fantastic food, music and the wonderful culture that the region around India offers.

There are a large number of people from the Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Bhutanese and Sri Lankan communities in Badcoe. They are amazing citizens. I was at the park last night, at Weigall Oval, talking with a family who were there quite late, enjoying the new development, which was partly funded by the previous Labor government. We got to talking about some of the great facilities around the area, and they actually invited me to their child's birthday party tomorrow night. That is the kind of hospitality and lovely welcoming nature of the people from India in our community, that they would think to invite me along to their five year old's birthday party. I have to say, I am very much looking forward to it.

We recently marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Greek Revolution. I have been to a number of events for that, and I know there are a number of people who are sitting in the chamber right now who have been to some of those events as well. I have certainly learned a great deal in attending those recent events. There are some stories that have really stood out for me, stories of female heroism in Greece. This was way back in the early 1820s, when women were actually fighting alongside men. They were responsible for some incredible feats of bravery that really inspired their nation and sustained them through what was a very long campaign for independence.

I want to draw people's attention to that. If you have the opportunity, it is well worth looking into the history of the role that women played, particularly the women of Missolonghi, who are remembered as pretty brave heroines who inspired soldiers and other women and motivated them to fight right to the end. It is an inspiring story and one that I would recommend people have a look at.

I also want to talk a little bit about our great Italian radio stations. I have been privileged to join them on a number of occasions and speak with them about things that are going on in our community, whether it is fruit fly eradication, festivals that are happening, government policies or Labor's hydrogen policy. It is really fantastic that those communities band together and make sure that there is a reliable source of news, information and conversation in their language to keep those languages alive.

It is even more generous to invite those of us who are not of Italian background to join them and share our experiences and learn about Italian culture as well. As a parliament and as a government, I hope we will continue to provide support to those radio stations that I think do such a great job in supporting Italian-speaking people in our community.

Lastly, I would like to point out that I also recently went to the Sufi Music Dinner, which was a fantastic event. I was very lucky to have a costume given to me, and I had a fantastic night joining in with everyone in the dancing. It was one of the first occasions when we were able to dance after the COVID rules were lifted.

Unfortunately, there may be some video out there of that dancing. I have to say that, in my head, I felt like I was doing it much better than the video revealed. It certainly was a fabulous night. An amazing vocalist and a fantastic band were there as well. It was a real privilege for me and my colleague the member for Ramsay to be able to soak up the culture and celebrate it with them.

There are of course many other cultural groups in my community that have been so warm and welcoming to me in my so far fairly brief time as the member for Badcoe. I would like to extend

my thanks to each of them and to assure them that a future Labor government will support them. I think that generally multicultural affairs is a fairly bipartisan effort, and it is good to see the support that the government has provided through grants and other means to those communities in my area as well. I look forward to continuing to attend their events and supporting the ideals we are all striving for.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (12:04):** I rise to support the motion and thank the member for bringing this motion to the house. Harmony Day coincided with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, commemorating the Sharpeville massacre that took place in South Africa on 21 March 1960. On that day, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws.

In 2019, in response to concerns regarding the history of the date, South Australia endorsed a proposal for all Australian government jurisdictions to mark 21 March as a day of reflection and celebrate Harmony Day as a week. The sentiments of the member in moving this motion are well made. We must acknowledge the richness of our community, both multicultural and intercultural, and how important it has been for the development of our state, as particularly since white settlement days we have been a state of migration built on the South Australian Company Act which was a migration program.

Firstly, may I recognise, as the motion does, that in Harmony Week we celebrate cultural diversity, and the significance of our Indigenous South Australians is not to be overlooked. In fact, I want to start with it. It is important to acknowledge their connection to the land during Harmony Week. Recently, I attended and spoke at the book launch of *Maralinga: the Struggle for Return of the Lands* by Garry Hiskey on behalf of the Premier. I was very proud to do so.

The book documents a very important period in the history of the Maralinga lands and South Australia generally when parliament enacted laws to enable those lands to be returned to the control of their original owners. It is vital for our community to know and understand key historic moments in South Australia like this one. Garry's book focuses on the parliamentary debate which resulted in the return of the Maralinga lands to their owners. I believe that debate showed our parliament at its best.

There is still more to be done, of course, including by government, but the Maralinga people have been resolute and resilient in the pursuit of their rights, and I hope the publication of this book will encourage them to continue to make progress. I encourage all those interested in the history of South Australia, particularly of our Aboriginal people, to read Garry's book. I also look forward to the history of our Aboriginal people being recorded in the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre the Marshall Liberal government will establish on the site of the former Royal Adelaide Hospital.

As the member for Bragg, it is also an honour to represent an electorate filled with different cultures. It is also enlightening to learn of the involvement in multicultural traditions and celebrations. I am also very proud to be part of a diverse team with members here from a range of different cultural backgrounds, including our colleague in the other place the Hon. Jing Lee, who is the assistant minister to the Premier.

I feel compelled to spread the message of inclusivity and acceptance of all members of our community and the overarching message on Harmony Day. I recognise the importance of celebrating our differences, and it is clear that one of South Australia's biggest strengths is its cultural diversity. In my own electorate of Bragg, the number and percentage of our migrant population have been quite different over the last 20 years.

China, according to more recent statistics, was the third most common country of birth, and I can say that since those statistics were published it has continued to be a large provider of people who have moved into my electorate. Some are attracted to the very good schools that we have in our area and they are quite happy to pay to go to our public schools to be able to attend and, of course, to support members of their family who are pursuing a university degree here.

They have been very welcome and they now heavily complement a strong representation from India, Malaysia and Italy in my electorate. I want to say that, in respect of the Chinese people in our state, I do not think they have had periods of welcome that we can be proud of. That starts right back from early settlement, when Australia was dealing with Chinese coming to support gold

rushes and other advances in our country and then in our state this rejection of the acceptance of Chinese in our community.

Unquestionably, the White Australia policy was another era which may have been something that was acceptable for its time but which has no place in our current 21<sup>st</sup>-century approach to these matters. Indeed, we are the losers if we do not embrace and encourage those to be here. I have to say that in my own area I cannot speak Mandarin or any language to communicate directly with our Chinese. But I did visit China, I recall, with the member for Chaffey. We were very welcome. I came back with a scroll which I had asked to say 'Vote 1 Vickie Chapman' in Chinese. I found later, in a translation back in Adelaide, that it said 'Vote 1 Ickie Apman'. Let's hope I do not have a candidate who has that name in the scroll.

One change I particularly find memorable in dealing with the enjoyment of these occasions when we come together is the establishment of Chinese dancing lessons in Glen Osmond in my electorate. It is a rich culture. They are very welcome. I am very saddened to see images in relation to the consulate opening yesterday in South Australia. I think that is a stain on us as South Australians.

We must be ever vigilant in speaking out to ensure that discrimination, which is unlawful under our Equal Opportunity Act, is spoken out against and most particularly is one which will be vigilantly pursued if there are breaches thereof. I thank the member from bringing the motion and commend it to the house.

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (12:11):** I rise to support the motion moved by the member for Badcoe and note the heartfelt thoughts and stories she shared. Harmony Day is a prime opportunity to reflect on Australia's successful multicultural story. Our First Nations people have a very rich history and a deep understanding of the world around us and, personally, I immensely enjoy every event I attend from which I learn more about our Indigenous culture of Australia.

The Indigenous people of Australia have the oldest living cultural history in the world and they go back at least 65,000 years. Indigenous communities keep their cultural heritage alive by passing their knowledge, art, ceremonies and performances from one generation to the other, speaking and teaching languages, protecting cultural material, sacred and significant sites and objects. This needs to be protected and continue.

I am so thankful for the Welcome to Country in which speakers teach me a little bit more each time about Aboriginal language, history, culture and beliefs. I commend the City of Salisbury especially for engaging the most wonderful people who tell stories and share beliefs. I commend Jack Buckskin and Rob Taylor for their wonderful storytelling, which helps us learn how special and important the Indigenous culture of Australia is.

More broadly, South Australia continues to benefit from the many different cultures, languages and religions, enhancing our state's cultural fabric. As a South Australian, I am truly grateful that generations of migrants have made monumental sacrifices and worked hard to begin anew in South Australia and enhance diversity in our community. Accordingly, it is without question that this house must identify and stop racism, discrimination and prejudice so that we can continue enjoying the remarkable success story of multiculturalism and interculturalism that our state possesses.

South Australia should be proud of its vibrancy as a multicultural state. South Australians come from some 200 different countries, speak over 200 languages and follow over 100 different religions. Almost 400,000 South Australians were born overseas and some 270,000 people speak a language other than English at home.

It is interesting to note that today over one-quarter of my constituents have an ancestry other than Anglo-Saxon. Perhaps we do not always think twice about South Australia's cultural diversity, but it is hard to imagine that in 1947 there were only some 43,000 migrants in South Australia, with most coming from Europe, and today there are almost 400,000 South Australians who were born overseas.

Today, the University of Adelaide's Hugo Centre for Population and Housing finds that our migrant population comes from a far broader range of countries, including those in Asia and Africa. The centre has also identified several emerging communities in South Australia hailing predominantly

from Myanmar, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As the member for King, I am dedicated to supporting diversity in my electorate and across the state.

Recently, I attended the City of Salisbury's Harmony Day celebration. It was beautiful to see so many people from so many different walks of life participate in the best parade I have ever seen, singing and dancing at this event. The traditional costumes worn by people from different backgrounds were mind-blowingly amazing.

Further, I will always appreciate the way Mayor Gillian Aldridge makes everyone from all different backgrounds feel important, welcome and proud to be living in the City of Salisbury. As I continue doorknocking in the City of Salisbury and the City of Playford, I am pleased to see different people from different cultural backgrounds all building the wonderful, vibrant community we have today.

Additionally, I am honoured to be able to attend the citizenship ceremonies in my electorate, hosted by the City of Salisbury, the City of Playford and the City of Tea Tree Gully. Within the City of Tea Tree Gully, I would also like to make special mention of the Adelaide Bangladeshi Cultural Club, who recently put their heart and soul into a highly successful Spring Festival 2021 held at the Golden Grove recreation centre to celebrate a blend of western and Bangladeshi cultures.

Further, I have worked closely with Hillbank's Cambodian community to elect their community liaison officers, attend their annual events, help their community and attend their senior citizen events. It was here at one senior citizen event that I learnt how some spiders and grasshoppers can be considered special delicacies, including at weddings, which is a story my own parents brought back after they had been visiting there—before the coronavirus.

The Cambodian community is incredibly welcoming, and I am ever thankful for Sarou's and the committee's efforts to include me. We are enriched through the efforts of our community members who keep traditions alive and share these with us. Thank you to Amit Katiyar and Anuj Kulshrestha for bringing us a wonderful Holi on the Beach celebration again this year. Celebrations, dancing and of course colour powder made this a wonderful family fun day this last weekend.

More widely, the Marshall Liberal government is backing our great state's multicultural vibrancy. This comes at a time in our history when notions of tolerance are being increasingly challenged. Following extensive community consultation, the recently introduced South Australian Multicultural Bill refreshes and modernises the approach to multiculturalism, raising awareness of interculturalism and building even stronger and more vibrant multicultural communities in South Australia.

It is also important to point out that the Multicultural Bill requires a multicultural charter to be established under the bill and for it to contain provisions recognising the Aboriginal peoples of South Australia and their role in our state's diversity. The Marshall Liberal government is building a more harmonious and inclusive state. Harmony Day is a timely reminder for all of us to work to end racism, discrimination and prejudice in all its forms. While we quite rightly commend ourselves every year for our achievements, we cannot fall into the trap of forgetting that bigotry is still out there. I am upset every time a constituent says to me, 'I am not racist but,' and I ask these people to stop and reconsider their beliefs, what they are saying, and how their words fit into a vision for a harmonious and diverse community.

We all have a moral obligation to practise what we preach, to protect and uphold the notions of tolerance and diversity underpinning our community. As the Queensland Human Rights Commissioner, Scott McDougall, recently wrote in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Harmony Day is not just about a shared lunch or a coloured lapel ribbon. The deeper message that Mr McDougall suggests is one about a call to action, not only to acknowledge racism but to eliminate it as well. Although Harmony Day is a time for us to celebrate diversity, this fight against racism is far from over. I am proud, both as the member for King and as a South Australian, to be supporting this motion.

**Mr SZAKACS (Cheltenham) (12:20):** I am very happy to rise to support this motion as moved by the member for Badcoe and so far eloquently supported by other members of this place. The member for Badcoe and the member for King have both touched on the brief part of this motion, which talks about racism and the elimination of racism, and I will seek to do so as well.

It is important to put on the record in the debate on this motion the origins and genesis of Harmony Day. Harmony Day was a product of the Eureka review, commissioned by then Prime Minister John Howard. Multiculturalism, interculturalism, ethnic affairs (as it was once referred to and considered by both major parties) have often enjoyed bipartisan support, certainly within the conservative side of politics, and continue to do so today.

Then Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was a great champion and advocate for multiculturalism, both in his time as Prime Minister and in a much more activist and ardent way in his life after politics. Importantly, as a former Prime Minister, Fraser in his later years was a fierce advocate for a more humane approach and treatment of refugees, those seeking asylum in this country. Multiculturalism post Fraser enjoyed considerable support from Prime Minister Bob Hawke, himself a great advocate of multiculturalism, and Prime Minister Keating as well, in a less overt policy way, but still enjoying a strong bipartisan support.

The interest I have is in what shifted and changed in 1996 and then from 1999 with the commissioning and tabling of the Eureka report. It is not too fine a point to say that when Harmony Day was first introduced by Prime Minister Howard it was quite heavily criticised by many advocates of multiculturalism, and particularly many advocates from multicultural communities, as well as First Nations communities, as an attempt, either overtly or implicitly, to whitewash what was becoming an increasingly difficult conversation for Australians to have about our problem with racism, our problem with overt, casual and systemic racism.

While Harmony Day continues today to have very strong support from peak bodies, from both sides of politics, it is incumbent on me to talk about the fact that in many people's view, and from many people's perspective, it has pushed out and crowded out the conversation around the elimination of racism from our country. I think the Attorney-General touched on the fact that the date of Harmony Day, 21 March each year, coincides—not by any stretch of coincidence—with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Attorney talked a little in her contribution about our legal framework and her confidence in the legal framework and its ability to stamp out racism. I respectfully completely disagree with the Attorney-General: racism is a huge problem in our community. Each member of this place would be able to speak firsthand about either their own personal experience with racism or the experiences that they as representatives of the community have seen, have heard or have been lobbied about.

The idea that racism can be treated through our legal framework is just not correct. We have a deep problem in our community around talking about race and talking about racism. Without straying into talking about a bill before the house, the current South Australian Multicultural Bill is an iteration of our need for a policy approach to discuss racism and to find a solution to it.

It is also not without importance for me, as somebody who cut their teeth as an activist and in fact was motivated to become politically active by John Howard—not so much his inspiration but more so in opposition to—to call out some of the inconsistencies around the approach of then Prime Minister John Howard, from a policy and government perspective, to Harmony Day and what I think are reasonable criticisms about the crowding out of an otherwise progressive conversation around racism.

I cannot forget, as I have spoken about many times in this place, as a first generation Australian and as a child of a refugee, the consistent approach to an inhumane and cruel discussion and the treatment of those seeking asylum in our country. Sadly, for me, so much of that can be traced back to John Howard: the Pacific solution, the race baiting around *Tampa*, and the perfect storm around the demonisation of people from a Muslim or Middle Eastern background on the back of the Iraq war and 9/11.

John Howard perfectly and, to his credit, ably weaponised racism as a political tool and as a political divide. I cannot stand here to support this motion without calling out the person who sought for Harmony Day to become part of our national dialogue without calling out that person for his contribution to racism in this country. In doing so, I also indicate how much that, as a personal experience, has motivated me to be standing here today. I very happily and proudly support this motion as moved by the member for Badcoe.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (12:27):** I rise today to support this motion. Harmony Day is held annually in Australia in conjunction with the United Nations International Day for the

Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is held on 21 March and, as many of us here know, it is celebrated widely throughout South Australia. Events are held by schools, councils and community groups, who are encouraged to wear orange to promote harmony, inclusiveness and positivity of our diverse cultures.

The City of Salisbury in my electorate always celebrates Harmony Day very proudly. Mayor Gillian Aldridge, councillors, local members of parliament and I were treated to a wonderful concert by performers from our diverse community. At the start, there was a parade, where people dressed in their national or traditional costumes, and we saw the reflection of the fact that 36 per cent of people living in the City of Salisbury were born overseas.

We saw our Bhutanese community and representatives of the Filipino, Italian, Polish, Zomi, Chin, Vietnamese and Thai communities, amongst many others. What I want to recognise is that this parade was led by representatives of the Kaurna community. They were significantly leading this parade, because something that I have heard over many years is that it is particularly our migrant communities who want to make sure that we are recognising First Nations. They are very keen to understand more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. For Harmony Day, we saw our Kaurna community leading the parade.

I often say, 'Come to Salisbury and see the world.' You can see the many waves of migration reflected in our main street, which is John Street. We have several Afghan supermarkets, bakeries, restaurants and fashion shops, and our Indian, Bhutanese and Chin supermarkets are also quite popular. You see people from all over metropolitan Adelaide come to Salisbury to shop to get just what they want there. We have a very popular cafe run by a couple from El Salvador. There is always a line-up out the door at Coffee Amigo.

Of course, we have African clothing, African barbers and a Persian cafe. I have spoken in the house before about the investment by Van Nguyen, who is of Vietnamese background and invested in Salisbury. He saw the potential of Salisbury and invested there. He has the European-style Pacific Big Butcher, so there is a very European feel to that area. We often go in there and people are speaking Polish, but mostly it is staffed by the Vietnamese community, so there is an interesting mix there, which is wonderful. He also invested to refresh the Spaceland cafe and Mobara, which is a Japanese place selling sushi and noodles.

The investment by our diverse community in John Street has kept it alive and it has kept it busy. It is delightful for me as the local member for nearly 10 years to see that investment over time and people having the opportunity to start their first business here in Australia and making the decision to choose Salisbury.

However, like many others, I stand here today to call out our need for more work to be done. Paragraph (e) of the motion states 'works to call out and end racism, discrimination and prejudice in all its forms'. I particularly want to focus on the negativity that our Chinese and Asian communities have felt post COVID. We heard over and over again, cited by former President Donald Trump, that COVID-19 was the China virus. What that led to is eight in 10 people of Asian background being discriminated against, being spat on, being verbally abused and being blamed for the cause of this global pandemic.

It just sounds ridiculous that you would see someone walking down Grote Street or on North Terrace and blame them for something that has become a pandemic that has affected the world. That is just ridiculous. We know at the beginning of COVID that Chinatown businesses suffered immensely because people refused to go to the restaurants. I am calling it out today because, while we are celebrating Harmony Day and while we see the importance of recognising our diverse communities, there is more work to be done and we must call this out.

On the same topic, recent events throughout Australia have caused me concern. A man wore a swastika on his hat at a market in Melbourne recently. The police were called, as people were absolutely shocked seeing this symbol of hate and destruction that he proudly wore. Recently, we heard about a camp for neo-Nazis in the Grampians. Local people were confronted by 20 to 30 men in black shirts with racist slogans who descended upon their small town for a camp.

They talked about white pride, the Ku Klux Klan and white power. They talked about Australia being for the white man. They followed this up by putting stickers on the walking trails asking people

to support their movement. This frightened and shocked people and, rightly so, they rang the police for their support. It is important that we call out these things, and important that we know about them.

Just last week, we heard about the Annual Threat Assessment from ASIO. They said that 40 per cent of their work was tracking people who have a focus on national terrorism, who had been radicalised. They focused on the fact that it tended to be men around the age of 25 who are considered a risk to Australia, and what they called out was that their motivation was a social and economic grievance. That is a concern for all of us here, where people feel disenfranchised, so much so that they seek out this area of hate, this area of difference, to feel connected and to be against us.

Only two years ago, we saw firsthand in New Zealand the dangers of this ideology of hate when more than 50 men and women were gunned down while worshipping in their local mosque. It was only two years ago. This is a young man from Australia, filled with hate, who believed he was doing the right thing, believed he was on a mission, that involved the death of 50 people. We stand here in this house today—and I know people are in agreement with me—to recognise our diverse communities, but we have to be united further than this to be aware of this rising concern, to be aware of the increasing right wing extremism in Australia and fight against it.

Most people here, over the years, I have heard talk about their connection to their diverse communities. I actually think one of the unique things about being a member of parliament is being invited to share with people. I particularly had an opportunity as the minister for multicultural affairs, and I see a former shadow minister here today, and it is wonderful to have this. We know why people come to Australia: safety, skills, study, sunshine, and to give their family a better life. These reasons are universal, and that is why we celebrate this commonality and what we aspire to provide for all our families.

I often talk about the characteristics of a migrant who leaves their family and says goodbye—that they are bold and brave. One in two of us in Australia have a parent born overseas, so this is us we are talking about. When we talk about Harmony Day, it is us. It is who we are. While I know across the chamber we have furious agreement about this, there is still work to be done and we must continue to call out racism.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (12:37):** I am very pleased to support this motion and endorse the sentiments that have been expressed in the debate thus far, particularly the ones just expressed, which I am sure this house thoroughly agrees with. It is very important that we celebrate our multicultural and intercultural diversity of society, that we celebrate Aboriginal culture in this house and in our society and that we call out examples of racism wherever they are seen, particularly, as the member just highlighted, examples of racist behaviour by political leaders.

Whether these examples are overseas or here in South Australia, it is incumbent on all of us to call it out and act on it and ensure that people who come to Australia from whatever part of the world, or people whose heritage and culture have been in this country for 60,000 years or longer, can contribute to our community and be free not only from discrimination but from intimidation, abuse, bullying or racism in any of its abhorrent forms.

As the member for Bragg, the Deputy Premier, said, and as the member for Badcoe in moving the motion said, I am really pleased that we start with an acknowledgment of our First Nations people as the oldest continuous culture in the world, and the ongoing connection of Aboriginal people with this land is tremendously important. We now do it in this chamber every day since the member for Hartley, now the police minister, instituted it as a daily practice—previously as a weekly practice—and I commend those who brought that to the house.

It is important that we have a reminder, as we do. I speak now as education minister: in our schools we have a commitment to creating culturally safe spaces for Aboriginal learners but, more than that, areas where all students celebrate and become increasingly familiar with Aboriginal culture.

The motion talks about recognising the rich linguistic, cultural, racial and religious diversity of our community. I come as the member for Morialta, a seat which I believe had, when I was first elected, more people speaking a language other than English at home than any other seat in this house. The numbers may well have changed in the last 10 or 11 years as the community has

changed, and the boundaries have changed from time to time as well, but whether it is the most or whether it is just up there the extraordinary contribution of the multicultural community to my seat of Morialta has been across every realm of that community.

It is impossible to imagine suburbs like Rostrevor, Athelstone and Newton without not just the significant contribution of the Italian community to those areas but also the broader contribution of the Greek community, and more recently the Indian community and communities from South-East Asia, who make our area what it is. There is no citizenship ceremony that goes by where that breadth of diversity cannot be seen, and it is celebrated. They are welcomed in the community across Morialta, Campbelltown, Tea Tree Gully, Burnside and the Adelaide Hills councils, which all do a good show in supporting that.

Another area where we do a significant amount of work in celebrating and recognising Harmony Day is through our education department. As education minister, I am very pleased to report to the house that schools right across South Australia took the opportunity on Harmony Day—and, indeed, in the week leading up to it and in Harmony Week following it—to do their own representations, and I would like to share some of those examples.

At Brighton Primary School, students wore orange—indeed, at many of our schools students took the opportunity to wear orange on the day. They had a Harmony Day assembly and they shared kindness rocks with buddy classes. In the South-East at Naracoorte Primary School, after the Harmony Day celebrations students in one of the classrooms I saw created a jigsaw-themed artwork to show how we all fit together.

At Elizabeth Downs Primary School, the students in the intensive English language program—students not from Australia who are given extra support to help them integrate into a school environment where English is the language of instruction—produced cookies for the whole school and were able to share them with students around them, giving them a specific opportunity to interact and celebrate Harmony Day. Through some of the social media shared on the Department for Education website I noticed that those students, as part of their English, reflected on what the attributes of Harmony Day meant in that school: words like 'kindness', 'happy', 'helping', 'safe', 'accepting', 'together', 'belonging' and, perhaps most importantly, 'love'. It was terrific to see.

Ingle Farm Primary School students either wore orange or were encouraged to wear traditional clothing from their culture, and it was amazing to see all the students in those clothes. They worked together on a sort of musical school performance, where Harmony Day was represented through the creation of a school-wide harmony, and apparently that was something to hear. At Mannum Community College, in the member for Hammond's electorate, students wore orange. They had music playing at lunchtime, and had international flags brought together in a bunting display in celebration of Australia's diversity.

The international assembly at Charles Campbell College is one I have gone to as many years as I can get there. It involves dozens and dozens and dozens—over the years more than 100—different cultures that have represented the student body of that school, both from Australians of different heritages as well as a strong international student program that adds to what can go on at that school, and it is always a highlight.

At the Gawler East Primary School in the north, students and families wrote their wishes for the world becoming more harmonious on paper doves the school provided, which were then displayed throughout the school grounds. Look up the school's website or Facebook page for those pictures; they are extraordinarily beautiful and colourful designs produced not only by the students but also by the students with their families to celebrate Harmony Day. That was a great effort.

Kirton Point Children's Centre created Harmony Day art. I saw one of our colleagues in this building sending their child to school, in their first year at Highbury Primary School—one of my local primary schools in the Morialta electorate, although the member for Newland claims half of it because the boundary cuts through the oval—wearing orange proudly. I think many of us, on our Facebook pages and feeds, would have seen our friends sending their children to school dressed in orange, because Harmony Day has become an extraordinarily important part of the Australian psyche. When I was at school I do not know whether this was something that could have been said at that stage.



There are many ways in which we have evolved as a community and which we do better as a community. I think Harmony Day has been a useful lever for us to engage with young people. It is something that creates a lot of fun in school environments and helps our young people to use their own creativity to interact very positively with the intercultural and multicultural approach that we now see in our society.

I want to recognise a couple of more broad community contributions. Every school in South Australia I suspect had some engagement with Harmony Day, and as minister I commend them, and also more broadly throughout the community the work that is done by many to promote multiculturalism and the spirit of Harmony Day. I mention the Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia, and I want to particularly thank Helena Kyriazopoulos and her team.

Thank you for the balloons that you sent to me here, which was a tremendous and joyful reminder for me. I can tell the Multicultural Communities Council that their balloons are still maintaining their structural integrity as they rise proudly in the Minister for Education's office greeting every visitor who comes in, and will continue to do so while the balloons hold out.

I want to repeat a couple of things the Deputy Premier reflected on in her comments. I am going to be hunting down, as she suggested, a copy of Garry Hiskey's book about Maralinga. I remember the launch and being sorry that I could not get there. I am going to hunt down that book, having been reminded by the Deputy Premier.

I certainly encourage members to do so as well, particularly as we head towards the delivery of the extraordinary Aboriginal cultures gallery set to be delivered on Lot Fourteen (the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site) thanks to the investment of this government and indeed the commonwealth government. I think that is going to be a tremendous representation of Aboriginal culture in our state in particular, as well as being a point of interest and a point of education for South Australians of all backgrounds and visitors alike.

I finally report and update the house on the Adelaide Holocaust Museum and Andrew Steiner Education Centre, which was established in the last six months and which is taking so many school visits. The Steiner Education Centre and the Holocaust Museum is booked up right to the middle of the year, and many schools are already booked in for visits in the second half of the year.

I am very pleased to be part of a government that supported the introduction of that outstanding new facility, and I encourage anybody in the community to get along and visit during opening hours. Give it some of your own philanthropic support to ensure that it can continue offering education programs for school students and members of the community alike for many years to come.

**Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (12:47):** I, too, rise to make a contribution to this motion. I think it is a very important motion that members of this place should reflect on, particularly the celebration of multiculturalism and the recognition of Australia's diversity.

This all began back in 1999 under the stewardship of Prime Minister Howard, but since then we have seen, I think, many more communities and society coming closer together with the introduction of Harmony Day. I think that, since its introduction, we have seen about 80,000 Harmony Week events across not only schools and childcare centres but also church groups, community groups and government agencies.

What we have seen is a coming together of the different cultures, nationalities and beliefs. There is always middle ground, and we know that some are a little more forceful or have a little more of an extreme view on modern-day beliefs. However, what Harmony Day or Harmony Week means is that we are able to come together and talk about our beliefs, we can talk about what it means as a young person, as a businessperson and as a community-minded person, but at the end of the day it brings people together for some of the great events.

In Chaffey, one of the greatest electorates in the state, we continue to see film screening events, meal gatherings, poetry competitions and performances. In South Australia, we have the OzAsia Festival and recently the Governor's multicultural awards, which sadly were constrained somewhat by the pandemic, but they continue to go on.

The Riverland is regarded as one of the largest multicultural communities, home to over 60 nationalities and that has been generated by opportunity, with different nationalities seizing the

opportunity to work the land, to farm and to produce food. It puts them into a comfort zone where they are able to work, create their own wealth and create their own empire, and that is why the Riverland is one of the great success stories with different nationalities coming together in harmony.

The ABS statistics suggest that 49 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was, that 7½ million people have migrated to Australia since 1945 and that we identify with over 300 ancestries. I think that 85 per cent of Australians have agreed that multiculturalism has been good for the country and no more importantly than here in South Australia.

I would like to acknowledge the Assistant Minister to the Premier, the Hon. Jing Lee, for the great work that she has done to bring politics closer to multiculturalism. I know that the Minister for Innovation and Skills has also dedicated a large part of his political career to the great multicultural events and opportunities they create. Both of them need to be commended.

Sure, all politicians work very hard, but especially those two politicians, and of course the Premier, who speaks a number of languages fluently and has done that so that he can interact with the different nationalities in his electorate. In that regard, there has been a great coming together of modern-day politics and multiculturalism.

There are 70 Indigenous languages, with so many dialects, spoken around the country. As our heritage continues to grow, we acknowledge that one of the oldest cultures on the planet is here in this great country. Australia has a great expanse of diversity, from the oldest continuous culture of our First Nations, as I have said, to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Harmony Week is the celebration of multiculturalism and the recognition of our achievements as one of the world's most successful multicultural countries. Harmony Week includes Harmony Day on 21 March, which coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

I would like to commend the Riverland Youth Theatre, which continues to host great events, particularly the Riverland's Harmony Day. That is always hosted on the banks of Lake Bonney in Barmera, with cultural performances, workshops, stalls, activities, food and dance. Having attended many of those, it is always a great opportunity to catch up with many of the group leaders, the group participants, to share food and to share the stories that we so enjoy.

This is why it is important that Harmony Week is recognised. Harmony Day is a very important opportunity for multiculturalism to grow, to be stronger and for the communities that we represent to really shine, with the benefit of multiculturalism being almost in our DNA now. That is why I have made a contribution to this very important motion.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (12:54):** I always enjoy talking about the success of Australia's modern-day culture because it is a culture that has evolved from a very rough start. We know that immigration legislation drafted by Alfred Deakin was designed specifically to favour those from Britain, and we had about a four-decade period here in South Australia before the war when it was the exception rather than the rule.

When you go back to why we had that drafting in the early legislation, it was really all about the industrial issues at the time, particularly about Chinese labour. There was a different work ethic with Chinese labour. When I started my business in the furniture industry, obviously I did a lot of reading about the history of furniture manufacturing in South Australia.

You will come across furniture in antique stores or at auction even today where you can pull the drawer out and it will have a stamp on it that says 'Made by European labour' because there was a campaign to force people, through political pressure and through community pressure, not to support Chinese workers who were working in the furniture industry. It was quite big. I think the very first Chinese migrant into South Australia in the 1830s or so actually started a furniture factory. It was a big issue and those who were here were banned from even bringing their families, and obviously a lot of men were here working in the goldfields during that period.

If we go back before the Second World War, it was pretty ugly when it came to the migration policies in South Australia. Australia wanted to remain British and it wanted to protect labour rights, and we still see some of that today. We see unions like the CFMEU opposing skilled migration programs, even though we know it grows the economy and brings skills into Australia for new

industries and industries where there are shortages, so that those opportunities can be made available for more Australians.

A classic example of the success of skilled migration that I came across just recently was a bakery in the main street of Mount Gambier. A couple of teachers who had retired from the teaching service bought the bakery and wanted to make it a really standout business in Mount Gambier. They wanted to be the finest French pastry bakery in the South-East. They advertised for a pastry chef and could not find one. They did end up finding one in the Philippines, through a migration agent, who came to Mount Gambier. That pastry chef has been working for them for the past 10 years and has trained four apprentices of her own in that time. That is how skilled migration works.

We heard the points that were made by the member for Ramsay, that people use the race card or the migration card to blame others for the misfortune they may be in. We have heard that even in recent times. I remember the debate about the school zones around Adelaide High School, when the member for Port Adelaide tried to blame foreign students for being the cause of that. I could not believe that I heard that from the member for Port Adelaide.

*Members interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is a point of order. Minister, could you take your seat, please. At one minute to 1pm, there is a point of order.

**Mr BOYER:** Thank you, Deputy Speaker—reflecting on another member of the house. I ask that the member for Unley withdraws those comments and apologises.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I was listening carefully to the minister's contribution. The member who is being reflected upon is the one who needs to raise the point of order, member for Wright.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

*Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.*

*Petitions*

#### **BRIGHTON ROAD**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens):** Presented a petition signed by 108 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to provide the community with a comprehensive business case for proposed roadworks on Brighton Road.

#### **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL**

**The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):** Presented a petition signed by 514 residents of South Australia requesting the house to pass the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2020.

*Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **ANSWERS TABLED**

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

*Ministerial Statement*

#### **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CENTENARY**

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:05):** I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Royal Australian Air Force. We are joined today in this chamber, in fact in the gallery, by members of the Royal Australian Air Force: Aircraftwoman Rebecca Hughes, Flight Sergeant Ranaan Wolterman, Aircraftwoman Leisha Anderson; Corporal Steven Boatwright,

and Sergeant Shane Formosa. Welcome. I thank them for their attendance on this very important day.

The Royal Australian Air Force is the second oldest air force in the world, and this centenary is a significant milestone of which we should all be very proud. For many South Australians, seeing an AP-3C Orion, or more recently a P-8A Poseidon, fly over our beach on maritime patrol training missions is an iconic symbol of the strong connection between the Royal Australian Air Force and our state of South Australia.

South Australian ties to the Air Force in Australia are well entrenched, beginning with Sir Richard Williams, dubbed the Father of the RAAF, born in Moonta on the state's Yorke Peninsula in the late 1800s. Sir Richard Williams was the first military pilot trained in Australia and went on to command Australian and British fighter units in World War I. He was a staunch advocate for an independent air force and played a crucial role in the establishment of the Royal Australian Air Force. He also became its first Chief of the Air Staff in 1922.

I was very pleased this week to announce that my government has contributed funding to establish a permanent statue of Sir Richard Williams in his home town of Moonta, forever commemorating his role in the creation of the Royal Australian Air Force. I thank the organising committee in Moonta for their work on this important statue and I look forward to seeing it in Moonta soon.

Today in South Australia the centenary day was marked with a commemorative service at the state War Memorial, but this is just the beginning, and I am so excited that there will be a number of events to mark this major milestone across the state over the coming year. From Mount Gambier to Moonta and beyond, our connection to the Royal Australian Air Force will be acknowledged, highlighted and celebrated, reflecting on how our connection with the Royal Australian Air Force has transformed over the last century. South Australia has consistently welcomed those who serve and their families into our state, and of that I am very proud.

The RAAF played its first active role during the Great War or World War I and since then it has seen active combat in all the major conflicts Australia has seen, including Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East and various peacekeeping missions supporting the UN. As at 2018, there were well over 14,000 Australians serving in the RAAF of which 6,500 are based here in South Australia. Our state is committed to working with the Royal Australian Air Force to operate and sustain our nation's capability through building a robust defence industry that can support the modernisation and continued development of air warfare technology.

My government is equally committed to strengthening South Australia's role as the national centre of defence intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance airborne platforms, all while growing the state's existing 9,000 defence personnel. The Edinburgh Defence Precinct is the most crucial piece of our air warfare ecosystem, creating long-term career opportunities, attracting investment and driving innovation.

So much has happened and so much has been transformed, but what remains steady is that members of the Royal Australian Air Force has played and continue to play a significant role in our state. After a challenging 2020, it is wonderful that we can come together and celebrate the centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force, as well as showcase the immense history of the Air Force in South Australia.

South Australia has a long and proud partnership with the Air Force, and in its centenary year, where not even the sky is the limit, we have only glimpsed into what the future holds for the Air Force here in our state.

**Honourable members:** Hear, hear!

*Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** I, too, recognise and welcome members of the Royal Australian Air Force in the Speaker's gallery today. Welcome to the chamber and to this parliament.

*Parliamentary Committees***LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:10):** I bring up the 27<sup>th</sup> report of the committee, entitled Subordinate Legislation.

Report received.

**Mr TRELOAR:** I bring up the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> reports of the committee.

Reports received and read.

*Question Time***NATIONBUILDER**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:15):** My question is to the Premier. Why did the Premier tell parliament yesterday that no person had been redirected to a Liberal Party website or platform from a state government site? With your leave and that of the house, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Yesterday, the Premier told the house, and I quote:

I think I made it abundantly clear this morning that no person had been redirected to a Liberal Party website or platform.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:16):** That is my belief.

**NATIONBUILDER**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:16):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier accept that Mimecast, which he referenced in his media statement yesterday, is merely a security scan of the redirection before passing the user to the original destination through [stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com](http://stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com)? With your leave, Mr Speaker, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Yesterday, the Premier and NationBuilder issued public statements claiming that the ABC's story on members of the public being redirected from government websites to Liberal Party websites was incorrect and that the URLs are reference links generated by Mimecast. A statement from Mimecast today makes it clear that their service merely scans the destination in real time, ultimately taking the user to that website if it is deemed safe.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:17):** I stand by what I said yesterday, and that is we have not been—as suggested by the opposition spuriously and, I think, dangerously, quite frankly—redirecting people who come to South Australian websites to Liberal Party domains—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —or platforms or websites. This has been very clearly stated in the parliament yesterday, and I am happy to restate it again today. I am very happy to restate it again today. I think NationBuilder came out yesterday—and I think by now the opposition might have got around to reading that document—and made it very clear that there has been no collection or retention of data, as suggested by those opposite.

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

**NATIONBUILDER**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18):** My question is to the Premier. Why is it that when South Australians have gone to government websites and clicked on links within those government websites the URL has been redirected through, or gone through, [stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com.au](http://stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com.au)?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:18):** I don't have any detail of what the Leader of the Opposition is—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** This is just typical of this Leader of the Opposition—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** You could drive a truck through their arguments at the moment. For example, we had the member for West Torrens out telling the listeners on ABC yesterday—when asked the question point-blank, 'Has the Labor Party ever used NationBuilder?' what was the answer from the member for West Torrens? 'No.' As it turns out, 'Yes.'

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** He went on the radio. There are more holes in their argument than in Peter Malinauskas's dodgy hydrogen plant. It is just absolutely hopeless. Why don't they provide some evidence—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —rather than make these accusations? Sir, I take offence at the member for West Torrens saying, 'You're crooked,' and I ask him to apologise and take that comment back.

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier has indicated that he has taken offence at the reference.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I withdraw, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** The request is that the member for West Torrens withdraw and apologise. I give the member for West Torrens an opportunity to withdraw and apologise.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Yes, sir, I withdraw and apologise.

**The SPEAKER:** Has the Premier concluded his answer?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I would like to continue because, as I was pointing out to this house, whilst the opposition like to go in and throw the mud around, actually, on the radio very recently the member for West Torrens was asked point-blank, 'Have you or the Labor Party ever used NationBuilder?' He says no. How can he say that? How can he say that?

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** That wasn't the question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** That wasn't the question.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Premier will not respond to interjections.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** But I am glad you've got that wrong as well because it just adds further weight to my argument that this person is just not providing accurate information. Have you ever used NationBuilder? Has the Labor Party ever used NationBuilder? In that question, did it say 'in government'? No. It said, 'Have you ever done it?' and the emphatic answer to the people of South Australia from the member for West Torrens was no. Well, that's just not correct. He knows that it's not correct. Has he gone out to correct the record? No, absolutely not. The member for West Torrens—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —is absolutely unworthy—absolutely unworthy.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Only minutes ago, he was asked to retract and apologise because he shouts abuse, constant abuse, across the chamber. Well, it's not—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Premier will resume his seat. The member for West Torrens will leave for 20 minutes in accordance with 137A.

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

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. As I said yesterday, and I was extraordinarily clear on this, when this issue was raised with us at first we needed to go to investigate the allegations that were being made because this was not something that was known to us here in South Australia.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I went through this yesterday, and I am happy to go through it again today. In fact, I am happy to go through it every single question time, if this is the way that the opposition would like to ask questions. We are in the midst of a global pandemic; we have a situation which is—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —developing up in Queensland. We don't have questions about that or employment or space or defence. What we've got questions from the opposition about is actually—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —about an issue which we provided clarity for yesterday. NationBuilder provided clarity on it yesterday, yet still—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —those people opposite are out trying to undermine the confidence that the people of South Australia have in the very important work that we are doing in trying to keep the people of South Australia protected at the moment. I will go through it again, sir.

**Mr Brown:** Keep them informed about your basketball stadium.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Playford!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** There has been no redirection from government websites to the Liberal Party domains or platforms or websites. This is what I have been very clearly advised, and it was confirmed by NationBuilder in their statement, which the Labor Party by now should have received.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the leader, I remind all members of standing order 137(1). Standing order 137 deals with persistent or wilful obstruction. I remind members that order in the course of question time must be maintained. I make that general observation and give a general warning to the house in relation to the requirement to neither persistently nor wilfully interject in such a way that obstructs the business of the house. I call to order the member for Cheltenham, the member for Wright, the member for Badcoe, the member for Ramsay and the leader. I call to order and warn the member for Playford. The member for Elder has the call.

## ROAD UPGRADES

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:24):** My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. Can the minister advise the house how the Marshall Liberal government is building what matters and planning for the future by delivering the duplication of Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:24):** I thank the member for Elder for her question. It gives me great pleasure to rise today to talk about a project that Labor underfunded, never did any planning work for and left in a mess, but the Marshall government is fixing this. I think it's important to provide some context. When those opposite were in government, they committed \$305 million to duplicate Main South Road. However, there are a couple of points to make here.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** First, they only had \$100 million of money actually in the forward estimates, so they short-changed it there. Secondly, no planning work was done whatsoever. It's the same old story that we see for projects across the state since we came into government. Labor put out a press release. No planning works were done, no design work was done to back it up. It's straight from the Media Mike-Jay Weatherill playbook.

Fast-forward a few years and the Marshall government not only secured the funding for the Main South Road stage 1 but also secured \$170 million extra for Main South Road stage 2 and further Fleurieu works, \$92 million towards Victor Harbor Road duplication and \$15 million for an overtaking lane further down Victor Harbor Road, so for the Fleurieu road connection package—\$560 million.

I would like to thank our federal colleagues. With this project we worked with the federal member, Rebekha Sharkie, and partnered with her, and for the second part of this the federal government committed 80 per cent for Main South Road stage 2 and the Victor Harbor Road upgrades. That is something those opposite failed to do when they were in government. In fact, the work they had put forward for stage 1 was all funded by the state. However, we worked like adults with the federal government and got a really great deal. I am very, very happy with that.

Also, what I can say is that, with the money Labor had on the table there is no way there would have been an overpass or an underpass at all, and if they had done the work, if they had done the planning work, they would know that.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order.

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

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Standing order 98: the minister is clearly debating the answer. It was quite specific about what the current government is doing, and the minister has so far failed to address any of the substance of the question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I am listening carefully to the minister's answer. For the time being, the minister is addressing the question and providing relevant context. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I am glad the member for Lee has spoken up on this because it is interesting that during the week the member for West Torrens raised the fact that he felt that roundabouts weren't effective; in fact, I think he said they don't fix traffic congestion. Well, he may want to chat to the member for Lee, who in 2017 put a roundabout right outside Aldinga, a one-lane roundabout—signed off on it. I reckon the member for West Torrens was the Treasurer who agreed to it—a single-lane roundabout that has caused a great deal of angst down there. But, don't worry—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!



**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —member for Lee, we will fix it. We will fix the mess you created. It's no problem at all. As I said, when we came into government we got the department to do the planning work, the design work that Labor didn't do. That work is now complete, and we announced this week that there are two options we are taking to the community, two options for them to consider. In short, the data shows that after Aldinga the traffic volumes on Main South Road decrease significantly. The advice from the department is that duplication isn't required there.

So for around half the cost of duplication we can get the same road safety and traffic outcomes and futureproof this road for the next three decades past 2050. That would enable us to look at option number 2, to further duplicate the Victor Harbor Road, which has far more traffic on it. These are the options before the people of the Fleurieu.

We have taken that conversation to the community. In coming weeks, we will be holding community information sessions, encouraging people to come and have their say and submit their feedback online or through other channels.

**The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell:** It's been three years.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** It's okay. The member for Mawson is arcing up, but we have—

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will not respond to interjections.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —done that work, member for Mawson. We are delivering for the community. The project is going to go through 770 full-time jobs during construction.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** It's a massive project for jobs and the economy. This is the \$560 million package that we have all the funding for, not just 305—all of the funding for—and it is a Fleurieu Peninsula package. We welcome people having their say. It's going to create jobs and build the infrastructure that South Australia needs.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the leader, I call to order the member for Schubert, I call to order the member for Chaffey, I call to order the member for Mawson and I call to order the member for Colton.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:29):** My question is to the Premier. If the Premier has investigated the use of NationBuilder and established the government has done nothing wrong, can he simply explain to the people of this state why [stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com.au](http://stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com.au) appears in the address bar when people go from one government website to the other?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:29):** I gave a comprehensive answer on that yesterday and I suggest the Leader of the Opposition actually refers to it.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Lee is called to order and the Deputy Premier is called to order.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:30):** My question is to the Premier. Given the Premier is across the answer to that question, could he please do us the courtesy of repeating the answer to that question?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:30):** Of course it is the opposition's question time, or nearly all the opposition's question time because, of course, the crossbench now also have a dedicated 15 minutes, which is a good reform—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Playford!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —and I am very pleased that that is the case. As we canvassed yesterday in quite a lot of detail I would have thought, we were using the NationBuilder system to manage the distribution of press releases to the media. We set that up in opposition. We have already established that NationBuilder is a platform which is used by companies right around the world and, of course, it has been used by political parties of all persuasions.

Despite what the member for West Torrens told listeners on the ABC this week, it has been used by the Labor Party and, in fact, it has been used quite recently. We were using the NationBuilder platform to manage the distribution of press releases from the Premier's office to the media. I do point out that as of yesterday we are not doing that anymore. What we did find, though, was that government employees—

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** 'We've done nothing wrong, so we're changing it,' like the country members' allowance. Do you remember that, Tim?

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Lee!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —were copying and pasting the text from those press releases and that was going on to websites and so this is essentially creating that link that the Leader of the Opposition refers to. But we've got to go to what was the intention from this. As I have pointed out, it was completely and utterly inadvertent—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Well, whether or not the Labor Party believe it, we're just stating a fact: this was unintentional. When we found out about this, we rectified it. We make it very clear, and I was very clearly advised, that we were not using this in any way, shape or form to redirect people who came to websites—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —they were clicking on to get information from a range of government websites. It was not being used to redirect those users to Liberal websites or domains. More than that, there was no collection—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —or retention of data.

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will resume his seat for a moment. Members on my left and members on my right, the extent of the interjections just for the moment actually makes it impossible for me to hear the Premier's response. I remind members on all sides that the minister in answering the question is entitled to be heard in silence. I'm endeavouring to listen carefully. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** As I was saying, I am advised that there was no redirection of people who went to those websites to Liberal Party domains or websites. Further, I have advised yesterday and I advise today and I will advise tomorrow that there was no collection or retention of data from that. It was an inadvertent error. It has been corrected.

This was the advice that I had received from my office but, not content with that, we made inquiries to NationBuilder, who were the ones who could very clearly determine whether or not it had been used for data collection or retention, or whether in fact it had been used to redirect people on those websites to Liberal Party domains and websites. You think they would know. They made a thorough investigation and they made a statement which refuted the allegations the Labor Party has been making.

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the leader, I warn the member for Wright, I call to order the Minister for Innovation and Skills, I warn the member for Lee and I warn the member for Kurna.

#### **NATIONBUILDER**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:35):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier refute the statement made by Mimecast today regarding the redirection of websites?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:35):** I haven't seen that comment.

#### **WOMEN'S, CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH PLAN**

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (14:35):** My question is to the Minister for Education, representing the Minister for Health. Will the minister update the house on planning for women's and children's health services?

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:35):** I thank the member for King for this very important question and recognise her absolute passion for serving her community in the north and north-eastern suburbs of Adelaide. I have interactions with her on a regular basis in relation to education, where she is a fierce advocate for her local schools, families and children. I have absolutely no doubt that she makes similar representations to the Minister for Health on a very regular basis. He hears from her very regularly because her community has her attention, and we are very much appreciative of that.

The member asks a question in relation to women's and children's health services in particular, and members of her community will appreciate some of the information I am pleased to share. The South Australian Women's, Child and Youth Health Plan 2021-2031 summary framework is now available for consultation for all people of South Australia, including those in the member for King's electorate. The development of this plan is an important element of the health and wellbeing strategy for South Australia 2020-2025.

The Women's, Child and Youth Health Plan, the 2021-2031 plan, strives to transform the system and identify the key health service directions needed to align SA health and wellbeing services across the state with the needs of the community over the next 10 years. The plan prioritises improving health equity and access for women, children and young people across South Australia; empowering women, children and young people to maximise their health and wellbeing; and enabling the health workforce to work holistically with women, children and young people with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

As our population demographics change, it is essential that our services adapt alongside these changes to best meet the needs of our community, and the Marshall Liberal government wants to support people to receive their health care closer to home. The plan's data indicates that Adelaide's northern suburbs, Gawler and Mount Barker will see the biggest rate of population growth over the coming decade, and this will need to be factored into our planning for the future.

In the next decade, the population of South Australia is projected to increase, from 1.76 million people to 1.92 million people, with an increase of 73,000 women and 13,000 children, the highest growth being in the northern Adelaide metropolitan and peri-urban regions. These communities are serviced by the Northern Adelaide and the Barossa Hills Fleurieu local health networks, so it is important that we resource those networks to provide health care close to home for those people.

In line with the information the data provides us, we will be expanding the capacity of our major northern health service, the Lyell McEwin Hospital, to provide additional maternal, birthing, infant, child, youth and women's services to Adelaide's north. This is an important part of ensuring that South Australians have access to better services closer to home.

The Women's and Children's Hospital will remain the centre for more complex or higher acuity services, but the everyday clinical support that women and children need should be able to be provided to people in the north closer to their homes. This is particularly important for families who are from lower income demographics and who primarily use public transport to get around. It is essential that they can access health services without having a single appointment turn into a day trip because they have to travel long distances to the CBD using multiple public transport services with a baby, toddler or child in tow.

The framework is now available for consultation through the YourSAy website. I encourage all members of parliament to share it with their community and encourage members of all our communities to make their contributions through the YourSAy website. This demonstrates the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to supporting the provision of better health services closer to home in Adelaide's north. I am sure that residents in the member for King's electorate will be appreciative of this information, and I hope many of them will contribute to the YourSAy consultation.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:39):** My question is to the Premier. Have any visitors to Government of South Australia websites had any data in any form tracked by NationBuilder or the Liberal Party?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:39):** Not that I am aware of.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:40):** My question is to the Premier. Have any visitors to Government of South Australia websites had cookies installed into their browsers by NationBuilder or the Liberal Party?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:40):** I am just not familiar with the terms that the Leader of the Opposition is referring to, but I would answer the question: not that I am aware of.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The leader has the call.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:40):** My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier aware of the cybersecurity risks of cookies installed on web pages, including where the European Union took action to address concerns regarding cookies tracking website users, creating profiles on users and other privacy concerns?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:40):** No, I have not read any correspondence or any publications by the EU, but if the member would like to table it I am more than happy to take a look.

#### HOME BATTERY SCHEME

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (14:41):** My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister inform the house how South Australia compares with other states in terms of home battery installations?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:41):** Thank you to the member for Newland for that important question. Like all my colleagues on this side of the chamber, we work incredibly hard to provide South Australians with cheaper, more reliable and cleaner electricity, and our policies are in very stark contrast to what the previous government was delivering in the lead-up to the last election: the most expensive electricity in the world; nonstop blackouts, including one statewide blackout; and dirty diesel generators.

There are many planks to our energy policy, including interconnection, including grid-scale storage, including demand management, smart voluntary demand management, and home batteries are very central to our energy policy as well. Recently—in fact, last week—the organisation SunWiz reported the Australian Battery Market Report 2021, and it could not have spoken more favourably for South Australians. Of the 31,000 home batteries installed across the nation in the year the report was covering, 9,100 (29 per cent) of all the home batteries installed across the nation were installed in South Australia.

We are working very closely with suppliers, consumers and regulatory bodies to get the energy generation and consumption mix just right. For our government to have a home battery program and also, in partnership with Housing SA, our SA Virtual Power Plant, which also partners

with Tesla, providing those sorts of results is absolutely extraordinary. We have gone from number one in the nation with regard to unacceptably high electricity prices and number one in the nation with regard to unacceptable frequency of blackouts under the previous government to, under the Marshall Liberal government, number one in the nation with regard to home battery installations.

With our \$118 million Home Battery Scheme, the Virtual Power Plant I referred to before and with free batteries for bushfire victims—a very important program, through which we offered a free battery to anybody whose home was lost from the bushfires in early 2020 and who is going to rebuild; our government provides them with a free battery—we are doing everything we possibly can to get it right for South Australian electricity consumers, from the smallest households through to the largest employers in our state.

There were around 20,000 home batteries installed or committed in South Australia across the time span for this program. That is nearly 3 per cent of all South Australian homes. We are leading the world with regard to per capita home battery installations. Those 20,000 home batteries aggregate to in excess of 200 megawatts of combined storage, so comparable to the big batteries we are seeing around the place being announced, most notably AGL's announcement last week of a grid-scale battery.

It also compares to 3 to 4 per cent of summer peak demand for two hours. If we go to the dark old days under Labor, at times we just did not have enough electricity to meet the grid's needs. What we are doing now addresses that, but it does much more. Aggregating those batteries—so every individual household, all through to the total of those batteries combined—supports not only the consumers who have them but all other South Australian electricity consumers as well.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:45):** My question is to the Premier. How many cookies have `stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com` and `nationbuilder.com` installed on the browsers of visitors to Government of South Australia websites?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:45):** I refer to my previous answer on this.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:45):** My question is to the Premier. How does the Premier explain that South Australians have had cookies installed by `stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com` and `nationbuilder.com`, including on my own Google Chrome browser?

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:45):** I think the member for Kaurna is an expert in NationBuilder. I don't know whether he has told the member for West Torrens, who emphatically said that the Labor Party never used NationBuilder when, actually, a cursory glance shows the member for Kaurna has used that platform in the past. With regard to the question he asked, I am not familiar with this, as I have answered to previous questions.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the member for Kaurna, I call to order the deputy leader.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:46):** My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain the purpose of the cookies entitled 'nbuild-session', 'nbuild-token', 'cfduid' and 'fbp', which were automatically installed by `stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com` and `nationbuilder.com`?

**The SPEAKER:** I will give the Premier the opportunity to answer the question. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:46):** No, I can't is the answer.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kavel.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member Kavel.

**Mr Knoll:** Why haven't you done a three-year coding degree?

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Mr Knoll interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Schubert will cease interjecting. The member for Kavel.

### REGIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

**Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:46):** My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Can the minister please update the house on economic recovery programs being delivered by the state government in my community and on Kangaroo Island?

**The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (14:47):** I thank the member for Kavel for his very important question. He continues to be a strong advocate for bushfire-affected areas and communities and primary producers generally. As those in the chamber are aware, the communities of Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills were hit by devastating fires just over 12 months ago. The commonwealth and South Australian governments announced recently the allocation of nearly \$29 million for local economic recovery projects under the national Bushfire Recovery Fund.

As part of this funding support, 12 new projects have been announced in South Australia to support local economies affected by the fires of 2019-20. One of the key projects to be delivered is on Kangaroo Island and is the eradication of sheep blowfly. The South Australian Research and Development Institute will deliver this important project.

The fires themselves resulted in a decrease in blowfly numbers by approximately 50 per cent and gave a unique opportunity to eradicate flies from the island. Fly strike due to the sheep blowfly causes significant economic loss for sheep meat and wool producers and impacts the health and welfare of the affected sheep.

Sterile insect technology is an environmentally friendly method of pest control that will provide significant economic and marketing gains for sheep meat and wool producers if it can eradicate the blowfly. The cost-benefit analysis undertaken as part of the scoping study indicates the economic benefit to Kangaroo Island sheep growers during the eradication will be approximately \$3.8 million per annum, and the long-term post-eradication benefits could be as high as \$11 million per year. Other projects that are also being supported through the Local Economic Recovery Fund are:

- grape, cherry and olive growers can access funds to rejuvenate and replace vines and orchards;
- open access telecommunication infrastructure on Kangaroo Island;
- further support for the South Australian apiary industry through pollinator species revegetation information, honey varieties and value awareness, and ecotourism initiatives;
- establishing a small-scale fibre mill on Kangaroo Island;
- developing the former Onkaparinga woollen mills at Lobethal to create a hub to support creative industries, increasing tourism, creating jobs and providing opportunities for learning and social connection;
- supporting operators who provide nature-based and agri-tourism experiences or other wellness tourism experiences or products; and
- the construction of an early childhood education and care centre at Parndana to support families in the central and western part of Kangaroo Island, particularly those directly affected by the Black Summer bushfires.

The government is committed to supporting our primary industries and communities to improve preparedness, resilience and recovery from bushfires and other disasters. To date, the Marshall Liberal government has provided \$26 million to around 400 farmers as part of the Emergency Bushfire Response in primary industries grants.

The Adelaide Hills has received over \$12 million and Kangaroo Island has received more than \$11 million. We know the recovery from these extensive bushfires will continue for years to come and we are doing everything we can to help the farmers get back on their feet.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:51):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier agree with NationBuilder on its website that it 'uses cookies to personalise content, provide social media features and analyse our web traffic. We also share information about your use of our site with our marketing and analytics partners'?

**The SPEAKER:** I will just indicate to the member for Kaurna that he appears to be introducing facts and he might like to seek leave to do so.

**Mr PICTON:** I seek leave to introduce facts before asking a question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! The member for Kaurna has sought leave. Is leave granted?

Leave granted.

**The SPEAKER:** I think the member for Kaurna might have adequately addressed matters to his satisfaction. If he wishes, he might repeat those matters.

**Mr PICTON:** No, that's fine.

**The SPEAKER:** Otherwise, I will give the Premier the opportunity.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:52):** The shadow minister for health doesn't come in here asking questions about COVID vaccinations, he doesn't ask questions about health, not about jobs or the economy: he asks about cookies. I have answered this a couple of times. I'm not a cookie expert—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I'm not the cookie king. I do not have a lot of detailed information about cookies. Maybe the member for Kaurna—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Mawson!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —might like to tell us all about cookies in the Labor Party or cookies on his website. I think Labor people have been looking at some interesting websites recently. I'm looking forward to the Leader of the Opposition making a statement about that fairly soon. There have been some interesting developments on that side of the house, which of course the Leader of the Opposition has not brought to the house's attention. Maybe that's something that—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the member for Playford!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —he might like to do. All we have today are questions about cookies and, as I said in answers to previous questions, I'm not an expert but if those opposite would like to provide some information. I note that you, sir, in your very generous way, looking after this important chamber on behalf of the people of South Australia, gave the shadow minister, the member for Kaurna, the opportunity to seek leave to introduce some facts. He failed to and, in fact, he asked to seek leave to ask a question—

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will resume his seat. The member for Lee rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** This is clearly debate, sir. It has no relevance whatsoever to the question that was put to the Premier.

**The SPEAKER:** I uphold the point of order. The question, including facts introduced with leave, went to a particular subject matter that I think is clearly understood. The Premier has the call. The Premier will direct his answer to the question. I think the Premier has concluded his answer.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:54):** My question is the Premier. Can the Premier confirm that the 'cfduid' NationBuilder cookie installed on Google Chrome browsers after visiting government websites is listed on NationBuilder's website as 'used by Facebook to deliver a series of advertisement products, such as real-time bidding from third party advertisers'?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:54):** It is a very detailed question. I note that there are a lot of experts in terms of social media on the other side. I have been bombarded recently with advertisements to Meet Pete. I was very interested in finding out who this Pete guy was. Apparently nobody in the state knows who he is. I am interested in finding out who he is.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I might actually go and find out sometime.

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

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Once again I raise the same standing order 98, and that is relevance. The Premier is making no attempt to answer the substance of the questions that have been put to him.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! The member for Lee raises a point of order.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The interjections on both sides will cease. I am addressing the point of order raised by the member for Lee. The point of order is raised as a matter of relevance. I uphold the point of order. There has been a degree of digression in response to a line of questioning. The subject matter of the line of questioning is clear enough. The Premier will direct his answer to the question. The Premier has the call. Has the Premier concluded his answer? The Premier has concluded his answer.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:56):** My question is to the Premier. Where does the data from [stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com](http://stateliberalleader.nationbuilder.com) cookies go? Does it go to the Liberal Party or to the government?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:56):** Look, I just don't have a detailed answer to that question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The member could take this opportunity to introduce more detail so that we could provide a more fulsome answer. My answer is as it has been previously: I am not an expert in this area. If they would like to provide information, rather than just throwing the mud around and accusations—it's like those opposite are suggesting they are not involved in any way, shape or form in social media. They seem to be experts in cookies. Maybe the member could give a cookie to Meet Pete. He might need a cookie. But really I have no knowledge—



*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —and unless the member wants to introduce some information about this then I cannot provide a more fulsome answer.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the member for Hammond, I warn the member for Mawson and I warn the member for Cheltenham.

### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:57):** My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Can the minister update the house on how the Marshall government is planning for the future of the correctional services system, in particular its policies to reduce recidivism and support the needs of Aboriginal offenders.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA (Hartley—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) (14:58):** I thank the member for Hammond for his question. Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting Mobilong Prison, and when we were going through that yard in Mobilong Prison, can I tell you what, sir, I was glad that I was accompanied by the member for Hammond.

On a serious note, I appreciate his concern and his deep interest in this area. I thank him for this question, and I take the opportunity to commend the outstanding work of the Department for Correctional Services and its staff in South Australia. They have done a wonderful job keeping South Australians safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to provide the house with an update on our government's \$200 million investment at Yatala Labour Prison and also the Adelaide Women's Prison. It is a significant investment. Not only will it deliver over 300 new jobs but also high-security beds. In fact, it has already created over 400 construction jobs. Unlike the former government when some had a view to rack 'em, pack 'em and stack 'em, as we heard, our government has made the biggest investment in metropolitan prisons in over a decade through our Better Prisons program.

Last year, I had the honour of opening the Northern Metropolitan Business Centre and also the Learning Academy based at the Yatala prison site, which provide critical support services and expand training capabilities for DCS. As we know, rehabilitation is fundamental to reducing recidivism. That is why our government committed at the 2018 election to improve the provision of rehabilitation programs, and I am pleased to report that that commitment has been met. DCS has implemented a number of new targeted programs. They include some programs that are doing outstanding work at the moment, for example, the Violence Prevention Program for Aboriginal males.

As part of the 2020-21 budget, we also announced that this year we will develop a business case for a new rehabilitation prison. This is the first initiative of its kind in South Australia. We have also invested in a pilot of a high-intensity treatment program, and that will deliver specialist high-intensity case management and also treatment right across metropolitan prisons. These measures are all part of our government's plan to keep South Australians safe but also reduce recidivism and address the over-representation of Indigenous offenders in our corrections system.

On that topic, I was proud to launch the Department for Correctional Services' Aboriginal Strategic Framework and Action Plan on 12 February. That launch was timed to coincide with the anniversary of the National Apology on Saturday 13 February. I am proud to say that our Aboriginal Strategic Framework is the first of its kind in the nation and was developed following extensive consultation with relevant experts and also stakeholders. Input was received from various external Aboriginal stakeholders, the DCS Aboriginal Reference Group—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** —DCS staff and, most importantly, Aboriginal prisoners. The framework is also supported by a two-year action plan, and that details—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The minister has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** —a lot of measurable activities to be undertaken by DCS. The framework also highlights the importance of providing culturally appropriate programs—this is very important—and also case management planning, ensuring that there is a connection to culture, family and also community and that that is prioritised in these Aboriginal communities.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. V.A. TARZIA:** Other measures outlined in the framework include increasing Aboriginal employment in DCS and also addressing the ways in which DCS can foster relationships with external organisations and communities to deliver better outcomes for Aboriginal prisoners and offenders as well. We are continuing to focus on reducing recidivism, and I acknowledge the department and their great work in acknowledging that South Australia continues to lead the nation with the lowest recidivism rate in the nation at 42.3 per cent.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the member for Kurna, I call to order the Premier, I warn the Deputy Premier and I warn for a second time the member for Lee.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for West Torrens will cease interjecting in the course of the minister's answer. The member for West Torrens was interjecting across the chamber. If it is necessary to spell it out, I will. I remind all members that that particular form of interjection—that is, from one member across the chamber to another—makes it particularly difficult to follow the member asking the question or the minister answering the question.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**Mr PICTON (Kurna) (15:03):** My question is to the Premier. How does the Premier sustain his commitment to the house that there has been no data tracking or collection when the Liberal Party NationBuilder software has installed cookies on the computers of the people of South Australia?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Point of order, sir: you have been incredibly generous with the member for Kurna, and you have given him opportunities to ask his questions in the right format, and once again he has—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** —violated standing order 97, trying to introduce what he alleges are facts without seeking leave.

**The SPEAKER:** I uphold the point of order, and I will give the member for Kurna the opportunity to seek leave, as is required by standing order 97. Before I do so, I warn the member for Schubert and I warn the member for Chaffey.

**Mr PICTON:** I seek leave to introduce facts.

Leave granted.

**Mr PICTON:** How does the Premier sustain his commitment to the house that there has been no data tracking or collection when the Liberal Party NationBuilder software has installed cookies into the computers of the people of South Australia?

**The SPEAKER:** The Minister for Energy and Mining on a point of order.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Mr Speaker, the member just asked the question in exactly the same way as he did the first time, after you generously offered him so much help.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurna sought and obtained leave to introduce facts. He has included certain facts that are asserted in the course of asking the question, and he's framed it as part of the question, so I don't uphold the point of order. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:05):** First of all, when given the opportunity, the member for Kaurna inserted facts or presented facts. We do not accept for one moment these as facts. These are assertions, and the member has failed to provide any evidence whatsoever with regard to this matter.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:05):** My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to the house, if there are no issues with the redirections from the links hosted on the Premier's website—

**Mr Knoll:** Did he just say 'if'?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Yes, I did just say 'if'—good boy.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for West Torrens will not respond to interjections.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I will start that again, sir.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! The member for Schubert is warned for a second time. The member for West Torrens has the call. He is entitled to be heard in silence.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you, sir. Can the Premier explain to the house, if there are no issues with redirections from the links hosted on the Premier's website—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —why is the government currently removing those links by officers within this department as we speak?

**The SPEAKER:** I will give the opportunity to the Premier to answer the question. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:06):** I am not aware of the removing of those links, but I think it would be perfectly acceptable to do so. As I have pointed out in the chamber today and yesterday, those links were put there inadvertently. I don't think it is suspicious in any way, shape or form for them to be removed; in fact, I think that it would be a good thing so that this matter could be cleared up.

As I have repeatedly stated in this chamber and more broadly outside this chamber, we had a situation where we were using the NationBuilder platform to distribute media releases. These press releases were inadvertently copied and pasted onto websites. There was no redirection to Liberal Party websites.

That's certainly the information that I have received: no redirection to domains. That's certainly the information that I have received, and that's why we took it upon ourselves to check that with the people who operate the system and who have the ability to go in and check whether there has been a redirection or whether there has been a collection and there has been a retention, and they said no.

I understand what the member is doing. He would like to create a situation where people are concerned about this. There is nothing to be concerned about this whatsoever. Quite frankly, the gall of it is quite extraordinary. We now see that the Labor Party are out there on Facebook with paid advertisements of the ABC news story. When you go to click on 'Learn more', where are you redirected to?

**The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner:** The ABC?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** No. Actually, you are redirected to the Australian Labor Party. It's almost hilarious that you have a situation where you are directing people to look at a story about data collection and at the same time you are collecting data.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Members on my right and members on my left will cease interjecting. Before I call the member—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the Premier and the member for Playford! Before I call the member for West Torrens, I call to order the Minister for Trade and Investment and I call to order the member for Elizabeth. When there is silence, members on my right, the member for West Torrens.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:09):** My question is to the Premier. Is it true that there are well in excess of 300 links being removed right now from the Premier's website, stretching back to when the Premier first came to office in 2018?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:09):** I refer the member to my previous answer.

#### BLKMPIRE MUSIC PROGRAM

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:10):** My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Can the minister advise how the Marshall Liberal government is building what matters and planning for the future by building skills of young Aboriginal musicians and creative collaborators?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (15:10):** I thank the member for his question, and I commend him for his advocacy for the Aboriginal community in his electorate. In addition to initiating a dedicated Aboriginal Entrepreneur Hub at Lot Fourteen, my department's music development office is supporting the development of an industry-led initiative called BLKMPIRE. BLKMPIRE has been developed by Larrakia Nation man James Alberts, who lives in South Australia and is a professional musician and music and video—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Sir, I'm having trouble delivering this answer because of the interjections from the member for West Torrens.

**The SPEAKER:** Members will—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! If the Premier and the member for West Torrens wish to engage in a conversation in the course of question time, they are welcome to do so outside the chamber. The pursuit of a conversation between members across the floor is unacceptable and will cease. I just indicate to members: I apologise. I was momentarily distracted. I am endeavouring to listen to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. The Minister for Innovation and Skills has the call.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** May I have my minute back, sir; thank you. BLKMPIRE has been developed by Larrakia Nation man James Albert, who lives in South Australia and is a professional musician and music and video content producer. Mr Alberts proposed BLKMPIRE while working with youth arts organisation Carclew to deliver Music at Work, a mentoring program funded by the Marshall government that demonstrates career opportunities in the music industry within high schools and builds on the government's music education strategy.

BLKMPIRE runs parallel to Music at Work as a creative and professional development program dedicated for aspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and music businesses, with a focus on collaborations across music and video production, dance, fashion and media production. These collaborations seek to empower young Aboriginal creatives to create high-quality intellectual property and content. This content tells current and relevant stories while building a support network of creative professionals around them.

Through the program's partnership with Carclew, BLKMPIRE targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students via the Music at Work programs. The strategies include young people for whom mainstream education isn't quite for them, looking for alternative ways to be engaged and alternative ways to follow their passion, as well as for aspiring music industry practitioners within our broader community.

BLKMPIRE provides connections and skills development opportunities with national industry mentors to support professional development and pathways for new, emerging and established creatives while providing a resource to help highlight barriers faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These include, in regional South Australia, through engagement with Carclew's Gig Rig program. We have seen enormous interest in the creative industries beyond Adelaide in recent years.

It has been an area that has grown in interest and employment opportunities, and programs like this will help give young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders more access to those opportunities. Since the commencement of the pilot program last year, BLKMPIRE has been well received, quickly becoming recognised as a dynamic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led music and creative industries incubator here in South Australia, delivering a range of outcomes, including a creative collaboration with the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy's graduating students and providing support for over 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The Marshall government is building skills and providing opportunities for young people to pursue careers in the creative industries. What is important is that we have actually seen before COVID—of course, COVID did play a significant role in putting the brakes on the growth of jobs in creative industries—jobs in creative industries growing at twice the rate of jobs in industry in general, so this is a terrific area to invest in.

The Marshall government will support and continue the development of BLKMPIRE, injecting \$75,000 to help build it from a successful pilot into a 10-month program. Thanks, of course, to the sponsorship of the University of South Australia, BLKMPIRE will soon operate from studio space in the Museum of Discovery, which of course is known as the MOD., at the west end of North Terrace.

#### NATIONBUILDER

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:16):** My question is to the Premier. Was a letter written by one of South Australia's most trusted public servants, Professor Nicola Spurrier, posted on an official government website, hosted actually on a domain controlled by the Liberal Party? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Last night, in media statements made by the ABC, they claimed a letter by Nicola Spurrier was being directed by the government to a Liberal Party website for its view.

**The Hon. S.S. Marshall:** Which department?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Health.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:16):** I have no knowledge of this whatsoever. Of course, we don't control the government websites; that would be controlled by SA Health, of which Nicola Spurrier is a member. I have no knowledge of this whatsoever, but to make an accusation like this is very, very serious, quite frankly. The member for West Torrens is clearly making an accusation against departmental staff and, quite frankly, these are exactly the same people who have kept South Australia safe during coronavirus. I think it is an extraordinary accusation. Why doesn't—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Well, the member for West Torrens puts it out there. Where's the evidence of this?

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Where is the evidence that has been provided? I think on numerous occasions today, sir, you have given the opposition every single opportunity to provide this house with facts, with evidence. No. We often got today a restatement of the question, asserted that it was a fact, but no evidence that's been provided whatsoever.

I have provided evidence of false statements that have been made by the member for West Torrens in the media. You could drive a truck through some of the arguments that have been put up, and then we see the behaviour by the member for West Torrens here in question time today, repeatedly interjecting and, sir, incurring your wrath and being asked to leave the chamber for 20 minutes. Not content with that, of course, he comes back into the chamber, he is barking across the chamber on a repetitive basis, bullying—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Lee rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** That is precisely what I think Annabel Digance—

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will resume his seat.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Once again, with regard to the Premier's answer, standing order 98: debate. He is not addressing the substance of the question and making no attempt to whatsoever.

**The SPEAKER:** The question in this way, with a similar character to a number of questions earlier in question time, proceeds on a premise, indeed on this occasion pursuant to leave to introduce facts. To the extent that the Premier addresses the foundation or the lack thereof of those facts, the answer is in order. I do direct the Premier to the question. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** All we have in terms of information on this is a media release put out by the member for West Torrens. Well, quite frankly, I don't trust it, unless he is going to actually provide the evidence that we can investigate. When he was asked in the media would he provide it he said, 'No, I don't trust the Liberal Party.' How can we be asked to answer questions, serious allegations, directed against the hardworking men and women—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —in our health department in South Australia, the very department that has kept us safe and kept our economy strong through this extraordinary time? The accusations are out there, but no evidence is provided. You have already thrown the member out; he has come back in and continued his poor behaviour, bullying across the chamber. This is precisely the type of outrageous—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** And there they go again, protecting the member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Lee rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Protecting him!

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will resume his seat.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Once again, Mr Speaker, standing order 98: he is debating in the answer. He is not addressing the substance of the question and making no attempt to whatsoever; in fact, in an unparliamentary manner he is reflecting on other members.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Premier will direct himself and his answer to the question. The Premier has the call.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** I feel like I have covered this matter as much as I can, and I note that we have already gone past the time allocated for questions from the crossbench, so I will conclude my answer here and look forward to questions from the crossbench.

#### **MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY REFORM**

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (15:21):** My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Can the minister please inform the house on the progress of the exceptional circumstances process which was meant to wrap up in October last year?

**The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:21):** I thank the member for Narungga for his question. This is a very important question for commercial fishers. The Marshall Liberal government is very much supporting our commercial scalefish fishers with a \$24.5 million reform package. As part of that package we have been looking into how to help those fishers going forward.

It had very much reached a point in the viability of the fishery that there were too many fishers and not enough fish, and with that request from the industry we looked at what could be done. We have seen a significant change in approach, going forward. We have moved to a completely different platform to operate, particularly for priority fish species such as snapper, King George whiting, southern garfish and calamari, where there will be total allowable commercial catches applied each year.

In the reform we have also offered the opportunity for fishers to leave the industry, with offers of \$140,000 being available to line fishers and \$180,000 to net fishers. We have had great interest in that process, seeing 132 fishers apply for surrender. Part of that process is also that they are able to investigate the opportunity for exceptional circumstances in establishing their history to take the quotas going forward.

We had over 90 applicants looking at exceptional circumstances. It is been an extensive process to go through those 90 applicants, but we are very close to finalising it at this point in time and we will be able to come out with advice to those fishers imminently. However, it has been a lot bigger task than we expected; we did not expect that number. In circumstances elsewhere in the country where similar things have been done, we haven't had that high a level of interest in exceptional circumstances. We are continuing to work on it and will be going out to fishers very, very soon.

#### **MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY REFORM**

**Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (15:23):** My question is to the same minister. Will the minister commit to reopening the voluntary buyback scheme on the conclusion of the exceptional circumstances process for those fishers who have a better understanding about their viability in the fishery going forward?

**The Hon. D.K.B. BASHAM (Finniss—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:24):** I thank the member for Narungga for his question. Of the 132 who have already applied for exceptional circumstances, some of them did that conditionally with still having on the table their ability to surrender but still be assessed to see whether they could have the quotas increased. Certainly, that group very much has it on the table as an opportunity to access those funds.

Likewise, as part of conditions, an offer is going out to some fishers to whom it may be appropriate to be offering the opportunity to surrender. There is only a limited total of \$24½ million worth of funds allocated to this, so it won't be available to the whole fishery as such, but certainly there will be opportunity for some to access it.

#### **BELAIR RAIL LINE**

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:25):** My question is to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. Is the government committed to providing more frequent and faster services on the Belair train line, and how will Keolis Downer implement any improved service delivery on the Belair train line?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:25):** I thank the member for the question and note he asked a similar question a few days ago as far as the Belair line services are concerned. As you would know, the government actually has control of the fare box and the timetabling for the Belair line and for all the lines, of course, on our Adelaide Metro network. So they are always assessed and looked at and, as far as services are needed, any changes are considered to that level.

The member did ask a question a little while back about services on the weekend for bikes and the like, and I did outline to the member at that stage that that was being looked at by the provider. What I didn't outline to the member at that point was that the process or the protocol in place is the protocol that was in place prior to the new operator taking over. What I haven't given the member any information on, which I am happy to avail him of now, is the complaints we are looking at of people who potentially have a disability and/or have access issues to trains that are impeded by people using bikes.

We are looking at that process right across the board to make sure that we are providing an outstanding service. We know, since taking over, Keolis have done an outstanding job, and the feedback that we are getting from people using our trains is that they have never been cleaner and the extra security guards that we have on those train services have been really well received. All in all, everything is going well and people are getting a good service, but when and where we can provide a better service we are always looking to do so.

#### BELAIR RAIL LINE

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:26):** Supplementary to the minister: does the government have any plans to electrify the Belair train service?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:27):** I thank the member for the question. He would note that we are actually electrifying the Gawler line at the minute; that is where the focus is and that is where the focus will remain. This is a project that the previous government had on—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —and off more times than I care to remember.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** What they did to the people of the north, the way that the Labor Party when in government in South Australia treated the people in the north, was appalling. They promised it, they stopped it, they promised it again—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —more times than I could count.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Waite rises on a point of order.

**Mr DULUK:** Relevance: my question was about the Belair line, not the Gawler line electrification.

**The SPEAKER:** I am listening carefully to the minister's answer. For the time being, I direct the minister to the question. The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I thank the member for the question, which was about the electrification of the Belair line, and I outlined the fact that our focus is on electrifying the Gawler line at the moment, so there is not a consideration for the Belair line as we speak. We are focused on the Gawler line which, as I have outlined, is a very important project, one neglected by those opposite for too long a period of time. We are getting on and delivering the project for the good people of the



north. We know that they have been teased for way too long by the former government, but we are a government that is getting on with it and delivering for the people of the north.

#### **TARGETED LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (15:28):** My question is to the Minister for Mining and Energy. Can the minister update the house on the progress of the new or updated agreement for TLAP, which is due to expire in 2022? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain further.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK:** In 2014, this agreement, which is the Targeted Lead Abatement Program (TLAP), was formed between the South Australian health department and Nyrstar to address issues with regard to reducing lead in the blood of our children and in the environment in Port Pirie. This agreement was for 10 years, with a commitment of up to \$3.5 million per annum by Nyrstar and also \$1.5 million per annum by the government, with a review to be undertaken and completed at the halfway mark of the agreement, which was 2019.

There was an agreement review undertaken during early 2020, which was part of the agreement, with a draft review, according to my information, being completed in April 2020, with a new agreement to be brought back to our community. Minister, it has been nearly 12 months since the draft was presented to the parties and neither the mayor nor I have seen the final report being made public, as the minister mentioned in this house during estimates.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:29):** I thank the member for this question. This is a very important topic and something our government has been working incredibly hard on since coming into office in March 2018. Emissions from the smelter, legacy pollution of dust and lead in the area and lead in blood, particularly of young children, is something that we take very seriously.

I respect the member for Frome's knowledge on this issue because he was a cabinet minister when this agreement was put in place. He was a member of the cabinet that entered into this agreement with the company, so I respect the fact that he does have knowledge on this topic. I also have to say, though, that we are seeking to make some significant changes because our government is not satisfied with what is actually happening in Port Pirie at the moment.

We are looking to make some very significant changes. The member is quite right with regard to the report that was undertaken and focused on the delivery of this program. We are not too far away from being able to share that report. It was undertaken by a well-respected and independent person. I have certainly committed to the member for Frome that he would get a copy of that report before it goes public—no change whatsoever on that from my perspective.

The core issue here is that we need to support the people of Port Pirie and the surrounding district better than they were supported under the previous government. We are determined—in partnership with the company and in partnership with relevant agencies like the EPA, the Department for Health and the Department for Energy and Mining—throughout those partnerships and others to make sure that less pollution comes out of the smokestack, that the legacy lead is cleaned up and dealt with better than it has been and that those improvements flow through to greater health outcomes for the people of Port Pirie.

An enormous amount of work has been done and continues to be done. I am sad to say that one of those meetings occurred yesterday while I was in hospital, so I wasn't able to attend that myself, but this work is ongoing very regularly. The Premier and I met with leadership from Nyrstar, including Mr Daniel Vanin, who came from Europe to that meeting. As I said, there was a meeting yesterday, which I could not attend, with that same group of senior leaders. When it is appropriate to share the substance of those meetings, I am happy to do that, and when it is possible to share the improved direction that our government is determined to take, primarily on behalf of the people of Port Pirie, I will be very pleased to do that as well.

#### *Personal Explanation*

#### **MEMBER FOR HURTLE VALE, STAFF MEMBER**

**Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (15:32):** I seek leave to make a personal statement.

Leave granted.

**Ms COOK:** Yesterday afternoon, I was advised by the South Australian Joint Anti Child Exploitation Team (SA JACET) that one of my staff members was charged with child abuse related offences. I was shocked when learning of these charges. Naturally, my office has fully cooperated with the Australian Federal Police and South Australia Police investigation and will continue to do so.

As soon as I was made aware of these charges, I took immediate action and advised the Department of Treasury and Finance and requested that his employment be immediately terminated and that access to buildings and IT be blocked. I also advised the Labor Party, who I understand have held an emergency state executive meeting this morning and expelled this person as a member. As the matter is now before the court, I am unable to make any further comment.

*Grievance Debate*

**NATIONBUILDER**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:34):** Someone is perpetrating a massive fraud on the people of South Australia. There is corruption at the highest levels somewhere in South Australia's public sector. The question is: who, why and who is benefiting?

It seems to me from the evidence before us that we have seen in the media, both in *The Advertiser* and the ABC, that someone has implanted within state government servers redirection to NationBuilder and the state Liberal leader. Someone within that organisation is allowing people who go to state government sites as a trusted source of information to have their data mined and handed to a political party, a third party, against the privacy principles stated by the Premier in the DPC statement issued.

The question is: why is this happening and who benefits? We know who the beneficiary is: the beneficiary is the Liberal Party. What we do not know is who is doing it, who is conducting this fraud, this corruption on the people of South Australia. Whoever is doing it is in serious legal jeopardy. They are facing serious charges, charges of abuse of public office, interfering with a machine. These are breaches of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act, let alone corruption allegations by any independent body, and we have not even contemplated any federal charges for breaches of privacy.

The question, though, becomes: how do we find out who these people are? The Premier categorically said in this house that state government websites have not redirected anyone to NationBuilder or the state Liberal leader. That is incorrect. Media reports by media outlets say that is untrue. Mimecast put out a statement, and reading that statement in full proves that that statement is incorrect. Mimecast do not do what the Premier says they do. NationBuilder is a waypoint on some links on state government websites, and that NationBuilder site is one that has been commissioned by the state Liberal Party.

Who benefits from this corruption? Well, the Liberal Party. This corruption would involve someone in government allowing that embedding to occur. I do not have access to sa.gov.au other than as a user. I cannot get involved in the URL or put any inputs into that site. That is controlled, as it should be, by the Crown. The question is: who in the Crown is allowing anyone to embed these sites in sa.gov.au in any form, whether it is SA Health, whether it is the Department of Treasury and Finance or whether it is the premier.sa.gov.au?

Who is perpetrating this corruption on the people of South Australia? Who is doing this corrupt behaviour? We need to find out, and the only way we can find out—because the Premier is not going to tell us because he claims that he does not know, another assertion he has made to the parliament—is through a legitimate, independent inquiry, an independent inquiry that has coercive powers and that can call people in and ask them questions.

To be fair, I do not believe that media advisers to ministers are involved in this corruption. I do not think they are. I think simply they have been instructed to perform tasks in a certain way, and the outcome of those certain tasks is having links embedded in government servers that then allow people who access that to deposit cookies, as the member for Kaurana was talking about, monitor browsers, find out who is reading what press releases and give that information to the Liberal Party.

I and most of my colleagues have been inundated with people saying they are receiving unsolicited emails from stevenmarshall.com.au., not premier.sa.gov.au, the Liberal Party's email for the Premier. How is the Premier collating this database of email addresses? If there is any suggestion

or if there is any evidence that those email databases have been populated by state government servers into the Liberal Party, that is a corruption that has not been matched in this state's history. Let me just repeat that: a corruption that would not be matched in this state's history.

The legal jeopardy of those public officers involved in this crime is immense. There needs to be an independent inquiry. People need to have faith in our government institutions. If people are stealing data, it should be investigated. Data theft is the same as stealing money, if not worse. I ask the house to consider this as we go forward into the Easter break.

### KING ELECTORATE

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (15:39):** Today, I would like to update the house on some of the amazing people and sporting achievements happening around the King electorate and share some really exciting news about a new funding commitment of \$6 million approved by the state government for Harpers Field.

It has been a busy time in King, with many of our teams from tennis, cricket and baseball in grand final rounds. This has caused great excitement, and I have observed some of the best attitudes and behaviours, which have made these sporting performances even more spectacular. At the Central District Baseball Club, I wish to recognise Liam Trembath, who received the club's Junior Attitude and Dedication Award. Liam is an excellent player and truly deserves this award. His parents, Liv and Jason, set a wonderful example for him and are both actively involved in the club.

Similarly, I wish to acknowledge Lincoln Diplock, who received a batting award for the under 13s, and commend his dad, Brandon, and his mum, Tessa, who both play and volunteer at the club. It is special people like these families in our community who attract players and volunteers and who are the glue to bring us all together at our community clubs.

At the Golden Grove Cricket Club, where I am so proud to be the patron, I wish to congratulate the A, B and C-grades on getting through to the grand final rounds. These games were close, and a special call-out goes to the C-grade team, who played in the grand final on the weekend and almost pulled off a win. Well done to the C-grade team—Paul Simpson, Ben Lynch, Graeme Lynch, Craig Jomartz, Stefan van Rooyen, Riley Babiak, Ian Henderson, Iain Quick, Gavin Lynch, Luke Fairington and Adam Mueller—for your fierce game on Saturday. Thanks to the players, coaches, past players and supporters who came out to watch a fabulous game.

At One Tree Hill, the Billies A-grade team made the semifinals, which I also went out to watch. Ben Schmidtke was very excited, and we had a great local turnout from One Tree Hill. Hillbank came out to support the team, including Graham Watson. It was a very close and competitive two-day final. Well done, everyone. You did us proud.

At the Golden Grove Tennis Club, I attended the opening of the new clubrooms and was joined by the member for Newland and the Premier. In his speech, the Premier recognised how the club had been waiting for a clubroom for almost 120 years. The vision and advocacy of the president, Craig Mousley, and the committee over 15 years have finally paid off. I wish to thank the Marshall Liberal government for contributing \$369,800 to the new clubrooms. This was a great collaboration between the state government and the local council and Tennis SA, with the club itself putting in over \$80,000, which they fundraised. What an awesome outcome.

On the opening night, the Golden Grove boys and girls top junior teams competed in the grand final, and both matches came down to games. Congrats to the boys, who won the premiership. Bad luck to our girls, who happened to draw, but unfortunately finished runners-up as they were the lower placed team. Everyone is so proud of all your efforts, but especially of your sportsmanship and your great attitude on and off the court.

The next day the Ladies' Division 2 Gold Team won their grand final—an awesome effort. At the senior presentation, awards were given out to winners at the end-of-season celebration, including a Sportsmanship Award to Macy, a Coaches Award to Katelyn and club volunteer Tania was recognised, and a big round of applause was given to her by all club members.

Over at the Golden Grove Football Club, teams are getting ready for a new season, and there is plenty of good news. Players Amelie Borg and Jade Halfpenny played in South Australia's win against Western Australia in the under 19s national championship. The under 7s Kookaburras appeared at half-time at the Port versus Essendon game. Imogen Brogan, Moddy Brooksby and

Tahlia Lienert were selected for Port Adelaide's Next Generation Academy for 2021. Great outcomes are happening for our female footballers thanks to the terrific leadership of Kate, from the Golden Grove Football Club, and thanks to the female football director, Kellie Hussie. An amazing year lies ahead.

I will just finish up quickly by repeating the most amazing news about the \$6 million for the upgrades at Harpers Field. I want everyone to get online, show their support and keep updated as we update Harpers Field for the benefit of the whole King community.

Time expired.

### KAURNA ELECTORATE

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:44):** I rise to make a number of contributions, largely about my local electorate. Firstly, I would like to inform the house about the very sad passing of Daniel Roach. Daniel Roach was a significant leader and community member of the southern suburbs, somebody who for many years led the Seaford and Moana business association as the bedrock of that association. He was also involved in many other community forums, including business breakfasts. He was involved in the Rotary club and was on the board of the Aldinga community bank.

He contributed so much to our community, and it is truly very sad that he has passed away. I know that his legacy will be remembered by many in our community, and there are already moves underway to make sure his legacy is remembered through scholarships that will be granted for leadership in our area. To Sam, his family, his children, his colleagues and all in the community who knew him—rest in peace to Daniel.

Secondly, one of the big issues in the southern suburbs has been Main South Road from Seaford to Sellicks. We know that this road needs to be upgraded. It is one of the most dangerous roads in South Australia. People are shocked this week to see that the government have finally released draft plans for that road but are not upgrading it to the level that is needed, including a series of roundabouts that are only going to make the traffic situation on that road worse. This has been a two-year delayed project.

The member for Mawson and I have been pushing very hard for this since the former Labor government committed the funding for it in the 2017 budget. People across the south are shocked at the disrespect—'the forgotten south' once again—in getting a second-grade proposal from this government. I encourage all members of the south to raise their concerns about what this government have put on the table and make sure that we get a better deal for the south. Lastly, I commend the Main South Road Action Group for their advocacy to improve this issue and get a better deal for people in the southern suburbs.

The Port Noarlunga Football Club has been a bedrock of our community, but it has very tired, old clubrooms, with change rooms that are not up to scratch. For a number of years, the football club, the tennis club, the cricket club and the netball club have been working together on a proposal to council and government to try to get funding for a new upgrade to make sure that clubrooms are put in place that are up to date as well as new change rooms that will enable more women's sports to be played.

I am very delighted that that campaign has been successful. Now, both the state and local governments have come on board fifty-fifty to fund that proposal, which will be a great benefit to people in the south, a growing area—there are lots of kids who want to get involved in sport—and will grow women's sports as well. I particularly say thank you to Phil Wood, who for many years has been the spearhead behind this operation to make sure that this development becomes a reality.

Lastly, I would like to speak about the rally that is going to be happening tomorrow in the city. South Australians know that our ambulances and our hospitals are in the midst of a major ramping crisis, and the government continue to sit on their hands about this. Tomorrow, paramedics, nurses, firefighters, other health workers and the community will be joining together to send a message to this government to stop their cuts to the Ambulance Service, to stop their cuts to hospitals and to invest in these services, which are at a crisis level like never before.

We have seen ramping double over the past three years. We have seen cuts to nurses at our hospitals. The Productivity Commission spells out that there has been an \$11 million cut to our

Ambulance Service. Not one extra ambulance crew has been put on the road under this government, yet this crisis is going from worse to worse. We now have a situation where patients are being stuck in emergency departments for five days and where patients are being stuck outside hospitals, ramped for hours upon hours.

When patients call 000 for an ambulance, quite often they do not get one for hours and hours. I spoke to a family recently, and this man's wife was lying in pain for many hours waiting for an ambulance in Clarence Park. One eventually came two hours later from Stirling. This is the level of crisis that things are at. The government has ignored this issue. I will be joining with our paramedics tomorrow. I encourage South Australians to do that. Enough is enough. We need to make sure the government stop their cuts and address this issue.

### HEALTH SERVICES

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (15:49):** I rise today to speak on the Marshall Liberal government's work to deliver better health services, following the recent opening of the High Dependency Unit as part of the \$98 million upgrade to Modbury Hospital. I am proud to be part of a government that has ended the cuts inflicted on Modbury Hospital under the previous Labor government as a result of their failed Transforming Health experiment. What is abundantly clear is that this government is committed to delivering better health care closer to home. This government was elected at the last election with a mandate to fix this mess, and I thank you, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity to share with the house how the government is delivering on its promises.

Recently, I was honoured to be able to have a tour of the new High Dependency Unit (HDU). This important facility includes four new beds and is the foundation for the reintroduction of more complex surgeries at Modbury Hospital. It will provide a higher level of care than can be provided on a standard ward by increasing clinicians' ability to manage patients, both medically and in a post-surgery setting. Managing unpredictable post-surgery issues at the hospital will result in staff being able to undertake a greater scope of surgery, including multiday surgeries, which will ultimately reduce pressure on the Lyell McEwin Hospital operating theatres and bed capacity.

It is important to note that the High Dependency Unit, in particular, is a service being returned to Modbury Hospital that the previous government absolutely refused, right up until the election, to restore. Not only will the High Dependency Unit provide first-class specialised care but the opening of this new unit will also help to improve the flow of patients at the hospital and ease pressure on the emergency department. This will reduce the need to transfer patients to the Lyell McEwin Hospital or the Royal Adelaide Hospital, which means less travelling for patients and their families and freeing up ambulances for the local community.

I can assure you that I have spoken to many, many people within my local community who have stated that they have in fact chosen to live in the area they do. Whether it is in Hope Valley, Modbury, St Agnes or Tea Tree Gully, they have chosen to live in those places because they believe they are living near a hospital that would provide the services they need when they are in trouble, but that was of course ripped away under the previous government.

There are a number of other very important initiatives that the Marshall Liberal government is rolling out to reduce pressure on our emergency departments. An important program is the My Home Hospital program, an initiative that brings hospital care to people in the comfort of their own home instead of having to go to hospital.

There is also an important need to better and more adequately deal with people who present to hospital with mental health conditions. Following our coming to government, there was a gap at Lyell McEwin Hospital, and the government was required to fill it with an interim short-stay mental health unit to allow patients to receive more appropriate care than the emergency department that would provide that service before the Lyell McEwin Hospital emergency department upgrade was completed to include a more permanent facility.

The recently opened Urgent Mental Health Care Centre is also another important initiative that allows people in need of mental healthcare support to be provided with an alternative service that is specifically tailored to meet their needs. Priority care centres are another important program being rolled out by this government that provide an option for patients to be given the care that they need. These are patients with non life-threatening injuries or illnesses who, in the case of these

priority care centres, can receive the care they need without necessarily needing to be admitted into an emergency department, once again helping to take pressure off our emergency departments.

We of course know there is still much more work to do, and the government is working very hard to continue to roll out projects such as these and upgrades at most hospitals right across our system to ensure a much greater capacity. The people of the north-east are certainly very grateful for this government rolling up its sleeves and fixing the mess that we inherited from those opposite. Labor's Transforming Health policy severely damaged public trust in the quality of our health system, but it is the Marshall Liberal government that is fixing up this mess so that the people of the north-east can have access to world-class health care closer to home.

### HAZARA COMMUNITY

**Mr SZAKACS (Cheltenham) (15:54):** I rise to speak about a couple of issues both locally and within our multicultural communities. Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the launch of a fantastic research report that was a partnership between the Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia, Charles Sturt University and the University of South Australia. It was a research report which examined the footprint that refugees, and particularly members of the Hazara community, have here in South Australia.

The research report was entitled Refugees Rejuvenating and Connecting Communities. It was an analysis of the social, cultural and economic contributions of Hazara humanitarian migrants in the Port Adelaide Enfield area of Adelaide in South Australia. Mr Speaker, as I am sure you know and other members of this house know, the Hazara are an ethnic minority largely from Afghanistan. They have been persecuted over generations. We are lucky enough to live in a state, here in South Australia, that has thrown its arms open to this community. We have thrown our arms open to them and others in the pursuit of safety.

What I was very proud to see in the launch of this research project recently was the attempt to articulate the stories and heartfelt contributions of local members of the Hazara community, who now number around 6,000 in South Australia, centred predominantly by numbers in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. As they often are in this space, the Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia have shown outstanding leadership in continuing to drive the debate and to put before us, as representatives in the community and policy leaders, a vision for a fairer and more just community for our migrants, and in the reverse and also in the traverse what those migrants contribute to South Australia at large.

There were four main themes of this research. One was the analysis and extent to which the contributions of migrants, particularly in the Hazara community, are both visible but often at times unseen. The recommendations that came from this report were to better see and articulate those unseen contributions from members of our migrant community. It also analysed the place and the part that various people and organisations play in building bridges and effectively being the social glue in these communities and analysed the role that sport plays in migrant communities, particularly the vibrancy of the Hazara and their contribution to many sports in our communities.

It also looked at and analysed the contributions migrants make to their new culture. First is the tension at times around continuing to build and grow the culture they own and know and left behind under circumstances that are still deeply painful and traumatic for them. Finally, it reviewed and looked at the dynamic nature of the way that multicultural communities, the Hazara community, integrate and evolve and grow and the dynamic nature in which migrants continue to contribute to our community.

Recently, I also had the pleasure of meeting with some delegates from the United Workers Union who wanted to speak to me. I was very proud to hear from them about their fights for job security during this pandemic. These are essential workers, frontline workers and people who cook our hospital meals and move us around the hospitals, the technicians, the aged-care workers.

What they are fighting for is job security and what they are fighting against is a government who are saying one thing around their respect for frontline and essential workers but doing something entirely different when it comes to bargaining and negotiations. What I stand here today to call on is for the Marshall government to put their money where their mouth is and treat these essential workers the way they are saying they should be treated.

Time expired.

### **STUART ELECTORATE, PRODUCERS MARKETS**

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:59):** I rise today to talk about one of the very important institutions in my part of the world—that is, producers markets. We are finding there are more of them over time, but there have always been markets of various types in the Mid North-Southern Flinders district of our state.

The Wirrabara market is a sterling example of exactly how these communities can come together. I think that market has been operating for what must be nearly 15 years since it was established. The committee, which is largely the same people who started the market, continues to do an outstanding job with regard to running it.

Producers in the area around Wirrabara, the Bundaleer Gardens area and a few other pockets of the Southern Flinders Ranges, who have traditionally produced outstanding local goods, have the opportunity to bring them to these markets. We are talking about fruit and vegetables, baked goods, olives, fish, poultry and preserves—a wide range of local produce and, of course, goods produced with those local ingredients.

What has happened over the last few years is that we have seen a tremendous increase in the number of these markets, such that we have one on every Sunday of the month, except when there are five Sundays in the month. There are four markets operating—Wirrabara, Crystal Brook, Port Germein and Port Pirie—and they all dovetail in very well and each has a different Sunday of the month to establish itself. The producers then have the opportunity to go to a different town every weekend.

This is a very important opportunity for those producers because, while of course there is the obvious opportunity to bring their goods, sell them and earn an income from that, it is actually much more than that. It is a way of engaging with existing customers and potential customers, and it is a way of marketing what you have to offer so that you can grow your trade into the future, in addition to what you might actually sell on the day. It is an opportunity for those producers to share outstanding knowledge and skill with regard to how local produce can be used in fantastic different ways and then consumed by people. It is just a tremendous thing.

We have had trash and treasure markets, of course, and they continue. We have a fantastic undercover trash and treasure market in the Coles supermarket at Port Augusta, so I am not excluding any of those other types of activities we have throughout our region, but I do want to focus today on the producers markets. Every one of those four markets—Wirrabara, Port Germein, Crystal Brook and Port Pirie—is a truly outstanding gathering and more than just an opportunity for people to come and procure outstanding local produce.

They are very much important social gatherings as well, and when I go to one of these markets the barbecue is the first place I like to go for an egg and bacon sandwich and then a cup of coffee and a piece of cake, which is a tremendous way to start it off. My wife, Rebecca, likes to go straight to the various fruit and vegetable stalls and other stalls and buy what she wants to have in our kitchen at home. She loves cooking with local produce.

There are a lot of people who go not intending to buy produce but who do buy produce, as they find they just cannot resist. There are people who go intending to buy a small amount and buy more than that. There are also people who go not intending to buy produce and who do not buy produce, but they find that the fellowship and the friendship, from tiny infant children being carried by their parents all the way through to the most senior members, grandparents and great grandparents in our community, come together at these markets for tremendous socialisation. It is also a lovely way for people to stay in touch with the local seasons, as the weather is different as we work through the year, the produce that is available is different as we work through the year.

I encourage any member of this chamber or any member of the public to come to one of the markets in our part of the world. They are truly outstanding and I thank the volunteer committee who put them on for all of us who enjoy them so much.

### **FIRST POLISH CHAPLAIN IN AUSTRALIA 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (16:05):** Today, I would like to talk about the anniversary of the first Polish chaplain in Australia. On 13 March this year, I attended an event at Polish Hill River

to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish chaplain in Australia, Father Leon Rogalski.

The event was opened by Mr Edward Dudzinski, President of the Federation of Polish Organisations in South Australia, and it also had the great honour of having His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, opening the event. There was also a vast line-up of various members of the churches, including the Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan and Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, who has only recently been appointed as new bishop for our region. It was also great to see the member for Waite at the event celebrating this great occasion.

Father Leon Rogalski SJ arrived on 7 March 1870 (the celebration was deferred for 12 months due to COVID-19 restrictions) and was the very first chaplain to the Polish expatriate community and one of the first, and in fact possibly the first, dedicated chaplain in Australia. Father Leon came out as a 40 year old, arriving firstly in Melbourne, having ended his time as a dedicated pastoral care worker in continental Europe, and coming to a land virtually unknown to those living in Europe and other locations across the world at that time. He left his home country to come to Australia not because of a midlife crisis or in search of excitement, like many others who immigrated to this virtually unknown land, but to serve his countrymen in a very strange land across many miles of sea.

Father Leon was born into an impoverished noble family in Poland and, along with many other members of his family, came into the role of serving God. After obtaining his baccalaureate in 1851, he followed in the footsteps of his older brother and entered the seminary, where he served, and for four years studied theology at the University of Lviv. He was ordained as a priest in August 1851. After the outbreak of the Second Italian War of Independence, he became a military chaplain and was sent to north-eastern Italy, where he took care of wounded soldiers in field hospitals.

When it was announced that Father Leon was to be sent to Australia, his community put a petition to the provincial superior to have him kept in the local community, such was the high regard this man was held in by his own parishioners. He had been serving those people because he wanted to serve them; there were no airs and graces about Father Leon at that time. However, the petition did not change the decision of his superiors to send him to this faraway land; in reality, it probably reinforced his superiors' view of Father Leon, his dedication and the following he had.

Upon his arrival, Father Rogalski established the very first Polish chapel in Australia, St Stanislaus Kostka in Polish Hill River, and hung a painting of the Polish Jesuit saint on its walls. It was from there that Father Rogalski provided pastoral care to generations of Polish, German and Irish migrants, creating a lasting legacy of community and service. In a significant gesture, the Australian Jesuit Provincial, Father Quyen Vu SJ, gifted a reproduction of the original painting of St Stanislaus Kostka to the Polish community on behalf of the Australian Jesuits. Father Brian McCoy, the former Australian Jesuit Provincial, said:

It was only fitting that on this occasion, the celebration of Father Leon Rogalski's arrival, a copy of this original painting be returned to those who have continued to care for this memorial for the first Polish community in Australia

Although the various speakers spoke of this great achievement, the newly arrived Bishop Karol addressed the crowd in his own Polish language, which was well received by the many Polish descendants in the crowd.

The Clare Valley has a longstanding connection to the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and the Polish migrant community in Australia. Today, the grounds are home to Sevenhill Cellars, the oldest winery in the Clare Valley; the St Aloysius Church; and a retreat centre, the heart of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA), which offers a range of formation opportunities, including silent retreats.

It was a very moving day that was very well received. I commend the Polish organisation, who are all volunteers. Most of the work was done by people living in Adelaide and Melbourne. The day was a great success after 12 months' hibernation.

**BUETI, MR G.**

**Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (16:10):** Mount Gambier is home to a proud and passionate group of residents of multicultural heritage. They have made the city their home, raised their families



and kept different cultures alive in our community. A man who deeply understood the migrant cause was the late Giovanni 'John' Bueti, who passed away just a few years ago.

Born in Reggio, Calabria, he arrived in Mount Gambier in 1954 and admitted he was so homesick that he cried himself to sleep for months after arriving, but he chose to embrace his new city and within two decades he had established himself as one of our city's biggest community and business leaders. He joined the local Rotary club, founded the Italo Australian Club and bought the Mount Gambier Central Caravan Park.

When he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his community work in 2014 at the age of 83, he spoke about how passionately he felt about Mount Gambier. The father of five said it was truly humbling to be recognised by the community. He said:

I have spent the past 60 years living here and I really wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

It's a town which has given me and my extended family so much and it's been an honour to be able to contribute to the region with my various business and community pursuits.

I would like to dedicate this award to all of those people who were born here and those who have come from afar and who have worked together to create such a strong sense of community in Mount Gambier.

There is a great photo of Giovanni carrying an old brown suitcase he arrived in Mount Gambier with. In 2004, this photo was then turned into a statue called *Memories in a Suitcase*. That suitcase is a lasting symbol of a long journey many migrants endured on their way to Australia. I would like to think that Giovanni played a major role in changing the way migrants are welcomed to Mount Gambier today.

In 2004, 60 community members came together to explore the experiences of migrants travelling to Australia and in particular to Mount Gambier. This group developed a brief to commission a physical monument that captured their experiences and stories for all to share and understand. That group is the reason that, outside the Mount Gambier Civic Centre, there is an artwork known as *Memories in a Suitcase*.

The suitcase is a symbol of transition for many migrants from an old life to a new life, carrying everything of value from the past to a new future. Mount Gambier would not be the city it is today without the valuable contribution of our migrants. This is certainly true of our Italian community, which has the Italian soccer club, one of the most successful soccer clubs in our region. In fact, every year it is a surprise if the Italian soccer club does not win the A-grade, the B-grade, the under 17s and so on.

When you go to the Italo Australian Club, you see an amazing community where the nonnas are in the kitchen making some of the best pasta you will ever eat—\$10 for a bowl of pasta you could not eat in two sittings. All the money is donated back into the soccer club. The club was built by the bricklayers, the concreters and the tradesmen of the Italian community and now boasts two pitches, lights and certainly the best facilities in our region. It goes to show what a strong, vibrant Italian community brings to a community like Mount Gambier, sharing in the rich history of their ancestry and bringing it into Mount Gambier and the culture of Mount Gambier.

It was a real pleasure to know John Bueti. I had just been elected in 2014, so I was at the OAM ceremony and it was a real pleasure to see him being awarded in recognition of his great service to our community.

### *Bills*

## **SUPPLY BILL 2021**

### *Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (16:15):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act for the appropriation of money from the Consolidated Account for the financial year ending on 30 June 2022. Read a first time.

### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (16:15):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

This will be an extremely short second reading explanation. A supply bill is necessary until the budget has passed through the parliamentary stages and the Appropriation Bill 2021 receives assent. In the absence of special arrangements in the form of the supply acts, there would be no parliamentary authority for expenditure between the commencement of the new financial year and the date on which assent is given to the Appropriation Bill. The amount being sought under this bill is \$6.161 billion. I seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

1—Short title

This clause is formal.

2—Interpretation

This clause provides a definition of *agency*. An agency is a Minister, an administrative unit, or part of an administrative unit, of the Public Service of the State or any other instrumentality or agency of the Crown.

3—Appropriation

This clause provides for the appropriation of up to \$6.161 million from the Consolidated Account for the Public Service of the State for the financial year ending on 30 June 2022.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Brown.

#### *Ministerial Statement*

### **NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME**

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (16:17):** I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The National Redress Scheme for institutional child sexual abuse was established in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The scheme is an important means of acknowledging the inexcusable crimes committed against children in Australian institutions and ensuring they are offered proper financial compensation and emotional assistance. While nothing can undo their horrific experiences, the Marshall Liberal government has committed to the scheme to demonstrate our support for those who have suffered in our state.

The state's redress response unit is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the scheme. It sits within my department and it has provided me with an update on the efficacy of the scheme to date. Two years in, the scheme has received 9,642 applications nationwide and 4,942 redress payments have been made to survivors, totalling approximately \$414.1 million, with the national average redress payment being \$83,783. In South Australia, I am proud to say that the average redress payment for applicants was higher than the national average, at \$90,206.44.

As at 22 March 2021, the state redress response unit has received 888 requests for information with respect to 399 applicants. The state redress response unit has assisted South Australian government institutions in responding to 840 of these requests for information. Of these applicants, 268 applications have been determined, 223 applicants have been offered redress and 202 of those offers have been accepted. The total accepted redress payments for which the South Australian government is responsible amounts to \$18,221,700.63.

I am delighted to report that more survivors of institutional abuse in South Australia will be better supported after the Marshall Liberal government agreed to include local governments in the scheme. This is a significant step forward in the scheme, extending its scope to cover all 68 local councils and the relevant institutions that they manage. The cost of any claims against local government institutions will be managed through the \$146 million set aside by the state government to cover payments.

Addressing the wrongs of the past is a responsibility that South Australian governments share, both state and local. Through this commitment, we are ensuring that victims have access to these supports without potentially overwhelming local government with the cost. This government's

work in this area is ongoing. On 9 March, I attended via video link the national Survivor Roundtable for the scheme, chaired by Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston.

The Survivor Roundtable was an important opportunity for survivors and survivor advocacy groups to have greater input into matters related to the scheme's operation and also goes towards ensuring that the scheme operates and is administered in a survivor-focused and trauma-informed manner. I welcomed the opportunity to provide an address to attendees at the round table where several important issues were raised by survivors and survivor advocacy groups.

It is anticipated that these issues emanating from the Survivor Roundtable will be canvassed in the second anniversary review of the scheme, to which I provided a submission. In my submission, I requested that consideration be given to maximising participation of non-government institutions in the scheme. It is imperative that as many survivors as possible are able to access redress, irrespective of the institution responsible for their abuse. I have also written to non-government institutions encouraging them to join.

I am pleased to advise members that there are currently no non-government organisations in South Australia that are refusing to participate. I am hopeful that all the non-government institutions that were publicly named on 4 January 2021 will follow through with their commitment.

As the minister responsible for redress in South Australia, I look forward to carefully considering the recommendations of the second anniversary review and to discussing the final report with my colleagues at the next meeting of the Ministers Redress Scheme Governance Board in April. I take this opportunity to thank the independent reviewer, Ms Robin Kruk AO, for her work in undertaking this important work to further improve the scheme. Finally, I thank the state redress response unit for their important ongoing work and commitment to implementing and overseeing the scheme in South Australia.

#### *Motions*

#### **RACIST PUBLICATION, AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY**

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (16:22):** Yesterday, I gave notice that I would move today that this house establish a select committee, and I so move:

That this house establish a select committee to inquire into and report on:

- (a) the racist publication by the Australian Labor Party (ALP) in 2014 entitled, 'Can you trust Habib?';
- (b) the allegations by Annabel Digance of bullying and intimidation from ALP officials regarding the publication;
- (c) the statements of ALP State Secretary, Reggie Martin, regarding the publication;
- (d) the circumstances and persons responsible for the publication, including the commissioning, drafting, editing, design, proofing, printing, approval and distribution of the publication; and
- (e) any other matter relevant to the publication.

This is the situation: in the 2014 election campaign that was of course traversed during February-March 2014, there was a flyer distributed, entitled 'Can you trust Habib?' In fact, it was a double-sided flyer with which I know members are all too familiar. The double-sided flyer was authorised by R. Martin for the Australian Labor Party and it describes their Gilles Street address and the printer obligations pursuant to the Electoral Act.

The ALP consistently denied that this document, distributed during the campaign, was racist. Members may now know that the Human Rights Commissioner at the time issued a letter of request to the ALP and to Ms Digance, who was the candidate—indeed, the successful candidate for the ALP—subsequent to that election campaign for an apology. Neither provided an apology, and since that time the party, the ALP, has consistently refused to acknowledge the racist nature of this document.

In 2018, Carolyn Habib (now Carolyn Power) stood and won the seat of Elder. Congratulations to her and the courage it took to do so. Ms Digance was defeated and now in 2021 has made public statements, including (a) that the flyer was racist; (b) that she knew nothing of it until the document was distributed in the election campaign in 2014; (c) that she was bullied and

was indeed herself a victim in respect of keeping silent about that pamphlet and her view in respect of what happened; and (d) that she was frightened.

They are all unquestionably disturbing allegations. I do not in any way purport to identify or suggest whether or not they are accurate. Certainly, it took seven years for this information to be public, and if it is true I congratulate her on coming forward, and if it is not then that is a matter that someone else can determine. I am not in a position to do that, and I do not make any assessment of her involvement or action in relation to this at all.

I note that Mr Tom Richardson, who is a noted journalist in South Australia, published his view that this is a belated apology and is not courage: it is opportunism, he suggests. In fact, he has some direct concern about the suggestion that her courage as a woman in trying to change culture should introduce this information within that envelope, but I do not want to make any judgement in that regard. That is not my job. I can have a personal view about any of these things, but we do need to respect the fact that a former member of this house, a candidate in a subsequent election, has made these allegations seven years after the event.

Perhaps even more concerning now is the fact that Mr Reggie Martin, who was the ALP state secretary at all material times during this matter, has claimed publicly that he only authorised the pamphlet. That may be the case. Again, I am not in a position to make that assessment. I do not know what the answer to that is. I know that I saw him on television on Saturday night purporting to say that he was sorry if people were offended by it.

I did not see that as any acknowledgment or apology, frankly, but nevertheless it was a statement that he made, but within that statement was that his involvement in this was confined to an authorisation. Subsequently, I read that he had apparently made some grammatical corrections to the document, but in any event his involvement was very limited. I note also that Mr Richardson, who has written prolifically all the time I have been in the parliament, on 24 March 2015 claimed, and I quote:

...the ALP was concerned enough to modify an earlier version of the leaflet, which state secretary Reggie Martin has confirmed was changed on legal advice.

Again, I do not know whether or not that is accurate. Mr Richardson has reported it as being something which Mr Martin has confirmed and which on the face of it suggests that he was very much involved in the development of this pamphlet. It had been previously in draft form, and furthermore legal advice had been obtained. It is possible that other people were involved in that decision and that he was completely excluded from it. It would be unusual, I think, in anyone's knowledge of political parties, but that may be the case.

What is very important is that, having got to that piece of information and having this seven years later, the question is: why would we then move a select committee into why and who was responsible for this? We have a document which is overtly racist, and I think absolutely disgraceful, and which should have no place in any election for anyone in office in our democratic system. I totally abhor that practice.

Even leaving aside the circumstances in which Ms Digance now raises her concern about this issue and her reason for being intimidated and bullied into silence, the issue here for me is whether this is a document that we as a parliament can accept as being able to be published in future elections. I think that is something this parliament must make a decision on.

We clearly cannot rely on the ALP in this instance to do it themselves. I have called on the Leader of the Opposition since Saturday to make absolutely clear what has happened. It seems either he has no interest in or no care for Ms Digance's allegations and the purported bullying conduct towards her, or he has no care in relation to statements being made which in this case were overtly against Lebanese people but which may be applied to other groups in our community—or both.

I do not know the answer to that either, but I think a select committee of this parliament must look at that and identify the standard we are going to have going forward into future elections, whether they are for our colleagues here in this parliament, for persons in the other place or for our future local government elections or for our representatives who go into the federal parliament. Every single one of them should be free of this type of this inquiry.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The member for West Torrens can yell to interject and threaten us with, 'There will be plenty more of these to come.'

**The SPEAKER:** The Attorney will not respond to interjections.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Well, he can threaten all he likes. I will not stand up for this type of conduct. I am very concerned personally about the allegations that have been made—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —by Ms Digance. I am very concerned that it has taken seven years for anyone in the ALP even to acknowledge that this is a racist document.

*The Hon. C.L. Wingard interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Federal colleagues at the time were very clear. In fact, they were howled down by people from the other side, weighing into their view in relation to that statement, but that is a matter others can view. I think we do need to set a standard, that we do need to have a set of standards—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Playford will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —and I ask that we do. If the Leader of the Opposition is not prepared to do it in relation to his own party, let us look at this. It will be a standard that will apply to all political parties or all members who are candidates in forthcoming elections. I do not want there to be other types of conduct that sometimes can be dealt with during an election campaign in relation to misleading or inaccurate information—that is an Electoral Act responsibility—but this is seven years later.

There has been an acknowledgement now within the envelope of, I think, a very concerning allegation by Ms Digance and nobody from the ALP is stepping up to take responsibility. That in itself is abhorrent. I again call on the Leader of the Opposition to have a look at his own party and identify it. Despite the fact he was previously a president of the ALP in South Australia—and indeed, six months after that election in 2014, became president again—still he had plenty of opportunity as the leader of the ALP—

**Mr Brown:** Just like you were during Catch Tim.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the member for Playford!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —to actually deal with this matter. I do not have any confidence he will. He clearly is not prepared to do it. He has been called on to do it. I think it shameful that he has not even come out to support Ms Digance in that circumstance and offer at least to investigate that matter and bring to account people in his own party who are alleged to have done this conduct. That raises a concern in itself.

In those circumstances, I think it is incumbent on this house to conduct the inquiry, to have a select committee. Obviously, I will invite members of the opposition to be part of that because it is responsible for all of us—government members, crossbenchers, opposition members, all—to have an opportunity to be a part of that. I commend the motion to the house.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (16:34):** I rise to speak on the motion, and I indicate from the outset that the opposition will not be supporting the motion. Before I make any further comments about the rationale behind the position the Labor opposition takes on this motion, I think it is important that we recognise that the current member for Elder was—not to use her words but to try to accurately characterise them—grievously offended by the flyer that was distributed in the then electorate of Elder at the 2014 election.

I have to say that if anything has been obvious in the events of recent weeks and months, both around the country and here in South Australia, it is that judging whether something has given offence should not be about whether the intent was to give offence but about whether offence was received. I do not think there can be any doubt that the current member for Elder was grievously offended by that flyer. It is in that context that I think it is the bare minimum and absolutely reasonable to state that the flyer should not have gone out, given that is the impact it has had on the current member for Elder.

I would also like to say that it is curious that it is the Deputy Premier who brings this motion to the house and that it is the Deputy Premier who brings the motion to the house after seven years—as she admittedly characterises it—past the fact of the distribution of the flyer. It is also curious that the motion should be presented to the house for debate the very day after the media, the national broadcaster, begins reporting into—

**The Hon. C.L. Wingard:** Seven years makes it okay?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Mr Speaker—

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I sat patiently, and I listened to the Deputy Premier without interjection in the course of her contribution. This is a serious matter, and it deserves to be treated seriously by everyone in this place, including the member for Gibson.

I think the timing of this motion by the Deputy Premier is curious, to say the least—obvious, in fact. It is designed to try to draw attention away from yet another scandal that is quickly engulfing the government with regard to a paid-for data-capturing platform from the Liberal Party that has been used on official government websites to harvest information about South Australians' online habits and usage for the benefit of political campaigning. That is at the heart of the timing of this motion.

It was only brought to this place the very day after the national broadcaster reported and indeed on the same day that the local newspaper started reporting on this issue. So it is pretty clear what is informing the timing.

**Mrs Power:** It's in response to what your side has raised. I haven't raised this.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the member for Elder!

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** It is also interesting to note that the Deputy Premier, one amongst several on the Liberal side of parliamentarians, has spent seven years condemning Annabel Digance for the distribution of the flyer. Indeed, I can recall in a previous parliamentary debate the then member for Norwood, now member for Dunstan and current Premier, was ejected from this place during the course of a debate because of screaming out across the chamber that Ms Digance was racist. That is the view of the leadership of the current parliamentary Liberal Party about Ms Digance.

Now what we have is the Deputy Premier purporting to be yet again a champion of victims' rights, and the victim here is Ms Digance. The victim here is somebody who has alleged that this was an occurrence that happened completely beyond their knowledge or understanding, and in the course of that happening and after the fact of that happening she has been subject to bullying and other sorts of unsatisfactory behaviour from those involved in the Labor Party.

Curious again, is it not, that we would have seven years of condemnation and then suddenly a volte-face, to come in here and purport to be the champion of Ms Digance as a victim? I find that extraordinary. As difficult as it may be for those opposite to hear a member on this side of the chamber say this, I actually think that this behaviour has the effect of—I will not say it seeks to—denigrating the key issue here, and that is whether the current member for Elder found grievous offence in the material that was circulated at the 2014 election.

The Deputy Premier was right to draw attention to Tom Richardson's column in today's InDaily, when he posed questions as to the timing of these grievances from Ms Digance and wondered why again it had taken seven years after the fact of the distribution of this material to commence claims of the alleged treatment of Ms Digance by the Labor Party, and it is only now,

seven years on from the distribution of the material, that Ms Digance is coming forward and making these claims and these grievances about the Labor Party.

Not that it may be of interest to anyone else in this place, but I have to say I was surprised to hear those concerns from Ms Digance. I am not saying that she did not suffer that. I honestly have no idea because I have been presented with absolutely no information or evidence to the contrary, let alone in support of those claims. It genuinely came as a surprise to me. But again I do find it curious that, seven years on from the distribution of this material, while the government is quickly becoming engulfed in yet another scandal, the Deputy Premier seeks to bring this motion forward.

I also raise whether the floor of the parliament is the appropriate place to be testing the appropriateness of material or other behaviour in the conduct of state election campaigns or whether there are other more appropriate fora for that to be explored. Of course, we have an Electoral Act and we have an Electoral Commissioner. By virtue of the Electoral Act, that independent statutory officer is the one charged with investigating matters that are the subject of complaints made to that officer in the course of or even immediately after the conduct of election campaigns.

It strikes me that that Deputy Premier suddenly seems to think that one of the statutory officers who, by the nature of the office the Attorney-General holds, does not believe that the Electoral Commissioner is the appropriate person to test these claims. I wonder perhaps if this is now going to be habit forming for the Deputy Premier, whether there are other matters she believes should no longer be tested in the established fora, where they should rightly be examined, but instead should be conducted on the floor.

I also notice that this move is unprecedented. Not in the 16 years of the former Labor government, including that period between 2006 and 2010, when the Australian Labor Party held 28 of the 47 seats in this place, did the Labor Party ever seek to abuse its majority in this place in order to conduct or convene some sort of kangaroo court into the behaviour of its political opponents during election campaigns—not once, never.

So it is pretty clear now, if the Deputy Premier wants to start establishing these precedents, it will not bother her. Presumably, at the end of the term of this government she may no longer be a member of this place and she may no longer be concerned. But are the remainder of people who seek election to this place expected to participate in, perhaps even be subject to, these sorts of parliamentary inquiries about the conduct of elections?

I am sure that just about every one of us can cite conduct during election campaigns in which they have participated which is at the very least outside the realms of what is appropriate, let alone outside the rules of the conduct of election. I certainly will not say that all of us have been subject to anything like the nature of the flyer that was distributed about the current member for Elder because I certainly have not had material like that distributed about me.

However, I have had material distributed about me which is clearly defamatory, which is clearly wrong and misleading, which clearly would have the effect of impugning my character or reflecting on me negatively to the extent where, had I had the time or the resources or the inclination, I would be well served seeking some sort of legal recourse against the distribution of that material.

It happened to me the first time I ran in a state election in 2014 and it certainly happened to me at the last state election in 2018. It certainly happened to me in 2018 when I had vast amounts of my campaign materials stolen—and identifiably stolen by members of the Liberal campaign team who were running the campaign against me—including more than 400 corflutes.

What do you do about it when you are fighting for a marginal seat? Do you try to prosecute that during business hours and daylight hours when you could otherwise be campaigning? No, you do not. I had no choice but to continue campaigning and turn what had been redistributed down to a 1.2 per cent margin into a margin of nearly 4 per cent—I note against that candidate of the Liberal Party who was held up by several of those members opposite as without question the hardest working Liberal candidate at the last election.

I do not know whether that is a reflection on the candidate they preselected against me or whether it was a reflection on the party leader, the member for Dunstan, or whether it was a reflection on the campaign—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Lee has the call. The member for Lee is entitled to be heard in silence.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —or maybe it was just a reflection on the fact that people in the western suburbs do not like Liberal blow-ins from the eastern suburbs purporting to be locals and running for election. You do not need to take my word for it because that candidate, of course, has moved back to the eastern suburbs now and is pursuing a career in local politics and I think is working for the member for King.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the Deputy Premier!

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Nonetheless, without digressing too much on the capacity of the Liberal Party to find quality candidates in the western suburbs, it is extraordinary that the Deputy Premier now tries again in vain to make herself the paragon of protecting victims here in South Australia.

Let me perhaps refresh members' memories of the behaviour of this government when it comes to the protection of victims in recent times. These matters only aired in the parliament as recently as last week: a cut of \$3.7 million to the Victim Support Service in the 2019-20 state budget, a cut of \$1 million a year (\$4 million over four years) to the Legal Services Commission across all its services and trying to hide that cut by pre-paying a year's annual grant to the Legal Services Commission and a cut of \$780,000 to the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance program in that same budget in 2019-20.

There was also a \$250,000 cut to the safe city grant program that was designed to create safer environments in the city to prevent people becoming victims of crime or of harassment in the first place; a cut of \$800,000 to the concierge service at managed taxi ranks, ostensibly to allow people to catch a taxi safely and free from harassment or other antisocial behaviour when seeking to do so; and a cut of \$4 million to crime prevention grants.

These are all not the activities of a government that is placing the concerns of victims at the front of their minds. Of course, Mr Speaker, it would not escape your attention—as someone who pays close attention to such matters—that all these cuts occurred in the portfolio arrangements that the Deputy Premier has direct responsibility for.

It is extraordinary that overall \$20 million over a five-year period has been cut from programs, services, resources and initiatives that are designed to support victims here in South Australia—all within the Deputy Premier's portfolio responsibilities. We do not need to look at just those programs, those resources and those initiatives that are provided to support victims outside this parliament to see whether they have been cut.

We can also look at what has occurred to try to support victims inside this parliament. Following on from the events of the Christmas party in 2019 we had a motion moved by the member for Reynell to establish an independent inquiry into sexual harassment and similar practices here in the parliament. In February 2020, that motion was placed on the *Notice Paper* by the member for Reynell.

What did the government, including the Deputy Premier, do? Did they get on with it? Did they get on with that inquiry, did they support that motion, did they get that underway, did they try to provide an avenue for staff who feel they have been subjected to that sort of harassment and behaviour? The answer, of course, is no.

It was not until November last year—a nine-month delay—when it became absolutely clear that despite this government's wishes, and presumably the Deputy Premier's, this motion from the member for Reynell was going to be supported and the inquiry was going to be established, that the government finally got on with it.

Of course, we know what that inquiry found: that there are substandard practices and substandard processes and substandard recourses available for people inside this place who are subject to harassment, including sexual harassment or sexual assault or worse. In fact, that report



even outlined that there have been allegations made of a male member of parliament running their hand up the leg of a female person working in parliament.

Has that been investigated? No. The opposition pointed out to the government that there should be the opportunity for it to be investigated or, if not, there should at the very least be sufficient support provided to that person so that they can make decisions themselves whether or not to pursue that matter.

The response from the Deputy Premier throughout all this has been, 'My door is always open.' I want members to think about this very carefully: according to the Deputy Premier, the member for Bragg, the recourse for a victim of harassment or sexual harassment or worse in this place is to, first, in person self-identify and present to the Deputy Premier, the deputy leader of the state Liberal Party—not a private or confidential or independent way of receiving a report of harassment or sexual harassment or worse: it has to be done in person. That was the advice provided to this parliament.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Lee will resume his seat. The Deputy Premier rises on a point of order.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I take offence at the member's assertion about my invitation to members of the house who have any concerns on any matters in relation to this, that my door is open. To conflate that with an assertion that I am requiring the person who has given anonymous information to the equal opportunity commissioner, I take offence at that. That is completely untrue.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I am not suggesting that at all. I take offence and I seek that it be withdrawn.

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! As is well known, the test in these circumstances is a subjective test. Should the member for Lee wish to make a contribution on the point of order, I will give him that opportunity. The member for Lee on the point of order.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I have to say I am surprised that the Deputy Premier takes offence at my recalling the very words she used in this place to explain to us what she thought the recourse should be for somebody who worked in the parliamentary workplace, a staff member or otherwise—

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —about how that could be pursued.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** If she is offended by that, I am not the person who can provide her satisfaction.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Deputy Premier will cease interjecting.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** The only person who can provide her satisfaction is herself or a mirror.

**The SPEAKER:** The occasion to address the point of order is not an occasion for debate on the topic more broadly. The question I am asked to rule on, as I take it, is pursuant to standing order 125, which is plain in its terms in establishing a subjective test. Words are capable of carrying a variety of meanings depending upon the context in which they are spoken, and I bear that in mind also. In the circumstances, the Deputy Premier has invited the member for Lee to withdraw. I invite the member for Lee to withdraw the use of those words in the context in which they were uttered.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** If the Deputy Premier has found my recalling this to the parliament offensive, I withdraw and I apologise to her.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Lee has the call.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I think it is extraordinary—absolutely extraordinary—after I lay all of this out to the house, after I make it absolutely clear what the Deputy Premier's record is in standing up for victims, including her government's cuts to victim support services, her government's cuts to those programs designed to stop people even becoming victims in the first place and to programs and initiatives particularly around the city.

Of course, I make absolutely clear to the parliament that when the Deputy Premier and the party that she is the deputy leader of had the opportunity to get on with an independent inquiry examining all those circumstances where people in this place had been made to feel victims through unacceptable behaviour at best, or at worst sexual harassment or even sexual assault, that opportunity was squibbed by those opposite for nine months until November of last year, when finally the Liberals in this place were dragged kicking and screaming to get on with it.

That is the record of those opposite. After all that history of non-achievement and even perhaps the denigration of the capacity of victims in this state to have their voices heard or to pursue recourses against the behaviour they have now, seven years on, seven years after the distribution of this material, we have the Deputy Premier and the Liberal Party wrapping their arms around Annabel Digance saying, 'Poor you!'—seven years on after claim after claim after claim of the former member for Elder's behaviour, the allegations that she herself is a racist.

I also ask the question: what is not known in this matter of the distribution of this material from four years ago? We know it was distributed. Of course, we know that when it was distributed it caused the most grievous offence to the current member for Elder. We know who produced it. We even know who spellchecked it and we know who authorised it. What we do not seem to know most recently is whether or not the former member for Elder knew about it. I suspect that is going to be a matter that will remain unresolved by the competing claims between her campaign team and Ms Digance herself, and I make no commentary on that.

I do, however, find it curious that we have the deputy leader down here seeking to figuratively wrap her arm around the former member for Elder, Ms Digance, and we have the Liberal Party doing the same when in the other place the former leader of the Liberal Party in the other place, the Hon. David Ridgway, makes absolutely clear where he sees fault in that campaign that was conducted seven years ago.

Perhaps a bit like some of the questions that have been raised by some members in the media, he takes some of the more recent comments about the conduct of that campaign with a grain of salt, making allegations—which I think he has vented, as he said in his own words today, perhaps seven or eight times previously in the other place—about the conduct of members in that campaign against the current member for Elder. There does not seem to be a unanimity of view or purpose from all members of the parliamentary Liberal Party on this.

I also note that the member for Bragg has prioritised this motion for consideration right now, almost immediately after notice of it was given only yesterday above all the other motions which have languished on the *Notice Paper*, in some cases for many months, and which seek to canvass issues where people have felt themselves as victims, where they are suffering in the community and perhaps even where they see some need for recourse. Again, I only have to look at my caucus colleague the member for Reynell for the motions she has moved about modern slavery, about the efficacy of legislation about sexual consent—

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** This is government time.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —about underemployment and insecure work. Of course, we know from the most recent employment statistics how the COVID pandemic has impacted women in particular in the workforce. I could also add to that motions from the member for Florey and also a motion from the member for Frome about the mental health impact of COVID. All those are not brought to bear for debate or consideration by this place.

The interjection I received from the Deputy Premier is, 'Well, we're in government time now and this is a government priority.' That is exactly the point I am making. This motion, curiously timed to try to distract attention away from the growing data scandal over this government, is prioritised for government time over all these other motions put forward by other members in this place that seek to give voice to those people who are suffering in our community in various ways.

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** They are in private members' time.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** The Deputy Premier makes the comment that that is members' time. That is not as important as government time to the Deputy Premier. Their concerns are not as important for this place to consider as this, which has been rushed forth to this place for consideration.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** No, it's not being made up—

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier will cease interjecting. The member for Lee will not respond to interjections.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —it is a matter of record. It is here in the *Notice Paper*. All these are pushed to one side so that the Deputy Premier can do her best to distract from the current scandal this government is facing. It should be clear from that what the Deputy Premier seeks to achieve from this motion is little more than a distraction.

There are no facts to be unearthed from this. The facts of the distribution of this material and the behaviour of the campaign appear to be not only well ventilated but well understood throughout the community. All those matters, paragraphs (a) through (d), have been well ventilated—except, of course, paragraph (e) because it is not specific about what it seeks to investigate. It is clear the production, it is clear the publication, it is clear the authorisation, the distribution and the receipt of that material.

With no further facts to find, except the alleged care and concern the Deputy Premier has discovered in the past 24 hours for the concerns of Ms Digance and the conduct of the election campaign of seven years ago, there is no basis for this. There is no basis for this whatsoever. That is not to say there is no basis to the concerns of the current member for Elder.

As I said at the outset of my comments, the judgement about whether offence has been made in the course of a campaign, or indeed in other areas, is not about the intent of what was said or what was distributed or what was published, etc. As we now should all thoroughly know, it is about whether it was taken. We have seen marches around the country trying to make that point very, very clear, particularly to those members of our community who seemed somewhat stubborn in order to receive that message.

I do not denigrate the concerns of the current member for Elder, but this motion is not designed to provide any further comfort to the member for Elder, any further sense of justice through the provision of new information or facts. It is merely the most grating political manoeuvre from the Deputy Premier in order to try to wrestle attention away from the media and the public about the current scandal that is engulfing this government.

I have to say that it is true to form, the sort of tactic we have come to expect from the Deputy Premier, whether it is the issuing of press releases about ICAC investigations or the issuing of letters of demand to political opponents in an effort to silence them about comments they have made on Twitter, for example. This is just vintage Deputy Premier, vintage member for Bragg type behaviour, and I think it is very poor form that she would seek this opportunity and inveigle this most serious issue in what is nothing more than an attempt at political distraction for the media and for the community.

**Mr KNOLL (Schubert) (17:06):** I rise to make a contribution on this important topic for a variety of reasons and to set the record straight about a number of the comments made by the member for Lee in his contribution. This issue is one that I know has been around for a long period of time. This issue is one that has caused angst and concern to many.

This issue is one that raised its head again over the weekend because of new comments made by the then member for Elder, Annabel Digance, the former member for Elder. She made a series of allegations in the newspaper at the weekend, and then we also had comments from the current state Labor secretary, also current upper house legislative candidate for the Labor Party at the next state election, Reggie Martin. It is on that basis, and after those new revelations had been made, that we as a Liberal Party have decided to pursue this option of a select committee.

It is worth noting that at the start of the member for Lee's contribution he made comments about the fact that the standard for offence is not whether or not it was intended but whether or not offence was taken. Indeed, I think the framing of Reggie Martin's comments at the weekend was very much in the frame of 'if the member was offended', and under that presumption an apology or an apology of sorts was offered.

It is interesting that those comments stand in stark contrast to the comments that the member for West Torrens has made over the previous course of reporting of this topic and in stark contrast to former Premier Jay Weatherill's comments on this topic, but it was a progression of the issue. Certainly for me what hurts most about this conduct is that it is a form of campaigning that appeals to the worst instincts of South Australians. It was insidious and potentially subconscious in its construction. It was designed to achieve an outcome, whilst also being designed to deliver a degree of plausible deniability.

Trying to tread that fine line—a fine line the member for West Torrens and the former premier stuck to over the last four years in the last term of government—one that has not passed the pub test here in South Australia, and not one that the objective standard by which we each would consider this racist we would say it passes, but one that members opposite tried to hold to their chest as they justified what was a disgusting and racist campaign.

But the fact that it tries to appeal to our worst instincts denigrates this institution and denigrates that which we seek to achieve in this place. It was not about a contest of ideas, and it was not about who was best to deliver for an electorate, or indeed who had the best policy platform to deliver for the state. This was about finding ways to insinuate, to try to create a degree of fear or innuendo around the heritage of a prospective MP.

That is interesting, considering that in its construction I think most people would consider that it tried to create an insinuation or a connection between the now member's last name and, let's say, nefarious elements within the Middle East. That is interesting, considering the actual heritage of the member's family, and one that I know would grate hugely considering that certainly almost all of us in this chamber are migrants to this country who have come seeking an inclusive, secular and promising future. I know that certainly my family and the current member for Elder's family have come to this country wanting to seek a better life and to live in a country that values multiculturalism, that values different points of view and that values the contest of ideas as a place to live.

The reason that a select committee is the form the government and the Liberal Party are choosing to take is that for the last seven years there has been no redress and there has been no recourse. This flyer came out within the last week of the election campaign. The opportunity to seek redress from the Electoral Commissioner was limited by dint of time. It could be that that was the intended purpose. The idea was that you put this out so late in the campaign that, even if the Electoral Commissioner finds against you, there is not enough time to provide redress before people go to the polls.

In fact, I know it is a tactic the Labor Party used in relation to the Davenport by-election. I know it is a style of campaigning they used back in 2010 in the Mawson campaign, where basically you put out your disgusting and dirty campaign tactics late enough in the campaign that you can get away with it by polling day. It is cynical, and again it appeals to the worst instincts of South Australians, and it is not worthy of those of us who seek to do good in this place.

The member for Elder also tried to pursue this topic through the Human Rights Commission. An opportunity was offered at that point for those who were involved in this campaign to be able to provide redress and recourse and to show a degree of contrition so that this sorry chapter in the way our state conducts election can be put behind us. Was that opportunity taken? No.

If you think about where we sit today after these new allegations and new reporting over the weekend, what other opportunity is there? That is why a select committee is an appropriate vehicle to air these grievances—because at any stage over the past seven years members opposite could have provided the redress the member for Elder was seeking but chose not to. It is interesting that only after the revelations and the allegations of Annabel Digance at the weekend did Reggie Martin make the comments that he chose to make.

I note that in this chamber just now the member for Lee chose a degree of contrition. Interestingly, they might not be the words the member for West Torrens has chosen to use over the past period since that time, but at least it is a step forward by some members of the Labor Party, and it is why the government and the Liberal Party are seeking to use this as a method to provide redress.

Finally, and this is perhaps for me the most poignant, is the fact that to the broader public, and maybe to the Labor Party, this is just part of what you need to do to get things done—the Graham Richardson school of 'whatever it takes'. I do not think that is good enough for South Australia, and I do not think it is good enough for those who want to sit in this chamber because, at the end of the day, we are not pawns on a chessboard, we are not cardboard cut-outs: we are human beings. We deserve a degree of respect, if not for the individual, at least for the institution that we seek to serve.

This campaign more than any other, certainly in my time of political awareness, was perhaps the most disgusting, disgraceful and difficult to swallow, that there would be a group of people who seek a higher purpose and vocation in this place who would think that this kind of racist, dog-whistle politics was appropriate. It is not worthy, and it is why I will be very proud to support this select committee.

In this place and at this time, we are seeking to use this opportunity where other opportunities have failed to be able to provide redress for this incident so that we can highlight and provide a forum by which we can ensure that, if nothing else, the political cost of undertaking this kind of campaigning is felt.

It seems that, if common decency does not prevail, if a recourse to the Human Rights Commission does not prevail and if the only thing that the Labor Party genuinely believes in is political advantage, then a select committee is a way for us to be able to show the Labor Party that this is the kind of political advantage that comes with a high cost, perhaps too high a cost to undertake this kind of behaviour into the future. That is what this select committee is seeking to do, and it is why I will be very proud to support it.

In conclusion, we need to do better. We need to be better. There are many ways we can choose to be better. If any of those opportunities had been taken, we would not need to be here today, but they have not been taken. It is why they need to be taken—dragged kicking and screaming, if need be—so that we can raise ourselves up and deliver on the promise of serving in this fine institution that our forebears and those who came before us sought to achieve. We can help to make this a kinder, gentler and more productive place for South Australians.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (17:17):** I rise in opposition to this motion. Our Lord says, 'He who is without sin, cast the first stone.' Obviously, it seems that there are a lot of virtuous people sitting on the government benches who have done nothing wrong ever. I have to say, I found it pretty galling to be lectured by someone who had to resign his ministry because he had claimed money he was not entitled to. It is pretty galling, quite frankly.

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** He was exonerated.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** He was exonerated. So why did he pay the money back?

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** He was found innocent.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The interjections—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** There is a new category: you are found innocent.

**Mr Knoll:** Mate, you are a piece of work, an absolute piece of work.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I am a piece of work. Calling me a racist is okay?

**The SPEAKER:** Interjections on my right will cease.

**Mr Knoll:** You are perhaps the worst proponent of this in this place.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Schubert will cease interjecting. Interjections on my right will cease, and the member for West Torrens will not respond to interjections. The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I note that no-one has been ejected for those vile remarks to me. Anyway, I will not be lectured—

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —by the Liberal Party on racism.

**The SPEAKER:** —has available to him the opportunity to raise a point of order should he wish.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I can take it.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I would walk out, too, if I were you. Walk out.

**An honourable member:** Disgraceful.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I'm a disgrace, am I? I will not be lectured—

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens will not reflect upon the presence of any member in the house.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Sir, you sat quietly watching a member interject vile accusations towards me and you did nothing. Do not lecture me about not referencing members.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you, sir. I will not be lectured by the Liberal Party about racism. The racist taunts I have suffered in this place for the last 24 years at the hands of some members opposite have been appalling, with interjections like, 'Speak English.' The Attorney looks confused by it all. I will not be lectured by the Attorney or any member of the government about racism. I have suffered it from the moment I got here. They have attacked my family for the type of business that they have held, and they have attacked me for my apparent level of education. They have attacked my literacy and numeracy skills, they have attacked my intellect and they have attacked my ethnicity, yet here they are, lecturing me about racism. Really?

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** You're delusional.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Now I am delusional. There is more: it does not stop, it continues. The insults from the Attorney-General continue. Is it not fascinating when we look at what is actually on the agenda, which the government are ignoring while thinking that this event is more important than, for example, the establishment of a select committee on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health? They are delaying that. They are not interested in that; every chance they get, they adjourn it. What about the impacts of insecure work? What about the impacts of emergency management arrangements for the pandemic? What about modern slavery?

**Mr Brown:** The Attorney can't distract people with that one.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** That is right. Yes, we cannot possibly have a select committee on modern slavery. That would not be prudent, but an event that occurred seven years ago is worthy of government time and a select committee. I also point out to members that what the government is doing now is using its numbers as a majority to impose a select committee on the minority, something that has never been done before in this parliament's history—not once. Not once.

The precedent the government is now setting is that not only have they introduced a new precedent of voting down budget measures and budget bills—that is the first precedent they broke; the second precedent they broke was not honouring pairs—now they are going to be instituting inquiries into the opposition. What a wonderful legacy the Premier and the Attorney-General are leaving the House of Assembly. What a beautiful legacy they are leaving the people of South

Australia: the idea that we can use this parliament with its awesome powers to investigate the minority.

**Mr Brown:** Whatever it takes.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** You talk about Graham Richardson and *Whatever It Takes*. There it is, in black and white: *Whatever It Takes*. Fancy this: an inquiry into a Labor Party candidate. That is a new precedent too. A Labor Party candidate is running; let's run a parliamentary inquiry into them. That is the new precedent, is it?

I notice that members opposite are shaking their heads, not quite sure what I am talking about. Well, let me say it again. When the majority attempts to institute an inquiry into the minority, that is an abuse of office, an abuse of power. That abuse of power has consequences, because the conventions of this place that have served us so well since Federation by and large have seen us through two world wars, depressions, recessions and political differences.

We have done the argy-bargy in here and we have got on with it, but now the government, which is on the brink of one of the biggest scandals in South Australian history, have decided that they are going to run an inquiry, as the mother of all distractions, into an event that occurred seven years ago. Fine, the precedent is set. The government think it is okay to investigate prospective Labor Party candidates. The government—the Liberal Party, that is—think it is okay to now hold investigations into the opposition and the minority. Fine, that is a wonderful precedent.

I have to ask members opposite if they fully comprehend what it is the Premier and the Attorney-General are asking them to do and what its consequences will be for future parliaments—the idea that the majority can do this. Let's take some hypotheticals. Perhaps one day the Liberal Party are no longer in government and they have the minority; perhaps they choose marginal candidates in marginal seats. What would stop the parliament from holding a select committee into that individual's business affairs or from holding an inquiry into that individual's personal life? These are dangerous, slippery slopes that have no place in this parliament, none whatsoever.

Quite frankly, the ultimate revenge for the member for Elder was that she defeated the former member for Elder and the democratic system worked. Take from that what you will; that is how democracy works. When people see the institutions of the parliament being used for personal political gain so opportunistically and so openly, it does not work.

It does not work when the government conducts investigations into its political opponents. It does not work—it never has. There is a good reason for why Tom Playford never did it, why Mr Tonkin never did it, why Dean Brown never did it, why John Olsen never did it. There are good reasons why Rob Kerin never did either: because it sets a precedent that comes back to haunt the governing party because more than often they do not remain the governing party forever.

That is why I will not be lectured about racism by members opposite. Have there been racist remarks made in pamphlets? I am sure, as the member for Lee said, the member for Elder was terribly offended by what Annabel Digance distributed in the seat of Elder, authorised by the Australian Labor Party. In 2014, she was defeated. I do not think she was defeated because of that pamphlet. I think she was defeated because the now Premier, then opposition leader, ran a poor campaign.

He ran a poor campaign because on the death knell of that election campaign he endorsed the Labor Party. I do not know what the consequences of that were throughout marginal seats across South Australia. You can focus on the pamphlet if you like, but the member for Elder took the loss, ran again and was successful and is contesting the election again, and we will see the outcome of that. That is the process. But the idea that we will then somehow put aside all the important motions that we are moving about the business of the people to hold a select committee into the Liberal Party's political opponents because the Liberal Party currently is facing serious questions about its conduct in executive government in the way it is handling data, I think is appalling. So I will not be lectured by the member for Schubert one bit—not one bit.

I have sat here and heard the taunts get up. I do not like the taunts, I will not lie. I do not want my children to suffer those taunts. I think racist taunts are awful, but parliamentary committees are not a way to deal with racism. The way you deal with racism is to educate people on diversity and accept different cultures and welcome them. Investigating your political opponents under the guise of trying to stamp out racism will be seen for what it is: a political witch-hunt, where the Labor Party

will be subjected to the full force of the power of this house by the majority, and that is an awesome power, and I think this motion is an abuse of that power. This motion is clearly designed to be a distraction and a political weapon against the minority opposition.

I also point out the government has been in office since 2018. There was no inquiry in 2018. The government in 2019 could have held a select committee; it chose not to. In 2020, even before the pandemic, it could have conducted a select committee; it chose not to. Now, because the Premier is under intense pressure because of the scandal involving data theft and data harvesting, he is a massive fan of a political inquiry into his political opponents—

**Mr Brown:** It's a distraction.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** As a distraction. It will be seen for that. Again, like the member for Lee said, when this is all over and this government shuffles off, whenever that is, whether it is 2022 or 2026, or whenever the people decide to change the government, the precedent has been set that it is okay for the ruling party to conduct an inquiry into the minority party. That is the precedent. The three precedents we have from this government in its first three years are: block budget bills and budget measures, do not support pairs and now conduct inquiries into the minority.

That is some legacy and, when I hear lectures about cherishing the institution of parliament, it gets a bit rich when I see that kind of abuse of the parliament by this committee. The government are even telling us who is going to be on it. They have already told us we will be the minority on the committee.

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Members opposite agree: 'Yes, they should be.' We should be the minority, yes, of course. Why would you want a fair trial? Speaking of fair trials, let's see how fair the terms of reference are. Well, it is already a 'racist publication', so the committee does not need to decide whether it was a racist publication or not: the Liberal Party are telling us it is.

As to allegations of 'bullying and intimidation from ALP officials', apparently that has already occurred. In investigating 'the circumstances and persons responsible for the publication, including the commissioning, drafting, editing, design, proofing, printing, approval', obviously they want to call people in from the party office, haul them before an inquiry and start asking them questions under subpoena. Okay, that is the new precedent.

So, if the government do not submit to an independent inquiry on 'datagate' and data theft and they are unsuccessful at the election, this is the precedent. Why not? Why would the majority not then decide to hold an inquiry and call not only people involved in the theft of data but individual MPs because this house can call members of itself to select committees. Why would we not then call people who are sitting in the cabinet and demand that they reveal cabinet deliberations on 'datagate'? This new precedent is amazing in its depth and breadth.

Of course, when we get to that point, where will the current Premier be? Not here. Where will the Attorney-General be? Not here. It will be left to those brave souls who are left to pick up the pieces whenever opposition begins. It will be left to them. I say to the people who actually know what they are talking about in the Liberal Party—and that does not include the leadership group—the people who want to be here longer than just the next election: think about what it is you are being asked to do, and the precedent you are setting, and ask yourselves whether it is worth jumping off the cliff for the Deputy Premier and the Premier. Is it worth it? Well, I suspect all 22 of them will say yes. They are all going to say yes and we will lose this vote and this select committee will be established. So now the precedent has been set: members of the majority can investigate the minority at will just because it suits them politically.

As for the member for Elder, personally I have a great deal of regard for her. As a person I think she is very nice and seems very generous. I do not agree with her politics and I do not like her policies, but individually I think she is a decent person. I am sorry for the way she has felt about all of this, and I can only imagine what she went through. To be fair, I have copped it as well and I have not held select committees when I could have into members who are still in this parliament who made racist remarks about me and, in my opinion, have lied about it when asked in the parliament.



But, nevertheless, that is politics. I have to be frank: I am not sure this actually serves the purposes of the member for Elder. The member for Elder has a campaign to run—

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** It's a democracy.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** 'It's a democracy,' the Attorney-General yells outs. Yes, the majority investigating the minority is all about democracy—yes, that's right.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, the Deputy Premier will not interject and especially not from a place other than her seat. I remind the member for West Torrens to resist the urge to respond to interjections. The member for West Torrens has the call.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Catch Tim being an excellent idea for a future inquiry. But, rather than flag that now, it is one of the many things we can think about.

**Mr Brown:** We'll check your personal finances why we're at it.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Well, yes, why not?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Playford!

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Again, the Attorney-General does not realise the precedent she is setting. I assume that she is doing it to try to be a good loyal deputy to the Premier and is worried about how bad the Premier is performing on 'datagate' and how bad his contradictory answers are about redirection or harvesting and the fact that email databases are being used, probably collected by government resources.

We will get to the bottom of all this and find out who is responsible for it. It might well suit the Deputy Premier to have a vacancy at the top, who knows? I saw the Premier's face when the Deputy Premier said, 'Don't worry. The Privacy Committee responds to me.' That gave him lots of comfort I am sure—lots of comfort.

This committee is a sham. It is a political stunt by a government that has gone from majority to minority status. It is still larger than us, but we will see how the crossbench votes. My guess is that most of them will abstain because they will want no part of this dodgy arrangement. The government will establish its committee. It will investigate the Labor Party, use the awesome powers of this parliament against it, set that precedent in stone and the Labor Party will return it in spades.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The Attorney just said, 'Is that a threat?' No, that is the new reality, like budget measures being blocked, like pairs not being honoured. When you break down the conventions of this institution, you break down the institution. The conventions are what make it work, not standing orders—with all due respect to the table clerks. Standing orders can only do so much. In the end, it is the conventions of the parliament that make us operate, and when you trash those conventions you trash the house.

Anyone can make the parliament unworkable—anyone can. We have to work together. This will make the parliament unworkable all because the government is having a bad week. Well, short-term thinking will be returned. It is just a silly, childish, undergraduate, university-style tactic that you would expect more from the Labor Club or the Liberal Club at Adelaide University. But the Attorney-General will carry the day. She will get what she wants but, as the old saying goes: be careful what you wish for; you just might get it.

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (17:36):** I rise to support this motion because the attack on the member for Elder was racist, it was hurtful, it was unacceptable, and those responsible need to be held to account. I believe it is one more example of how Labor Party members treat women.

My experience has been that they will do anything to win. They lie constantly, and why do they do this? Why not rely on winning seats and debates based on good policy that could win support in the community? No, instead they choose over and over again to bully, harass, lie and mislead the people of South Australia. The bullies need to be held accountable, and that is why we need this committee.

Even though the Labor Party currently has more women in the House of Assembly, what I see is a serious problem with women, and I want to use this time to share some of my observations. I am a marginal seat holder, and everyone knows it because the media talk about this all the time. Since winning King in 2018 and entering this place, I have experienced relentless harassment in the house from Labor Party members when I speak.

Members of the Labor Party spent the first year yelling at me as I gave every one of my speeches in this place. They still do it, but not every time. My colleague the member for Newland is also a marginal seat holder, but he has not been yelled at and interrupted in the same way. Why is that? My guess is it is because he is not a woman.

My belief is that the Labor Party thought if they could yell at me, stalk me, intimidate me, put misinformation about me constantly into people's letterboxes, they could break me and drive me from this parliament, from this role representing my community. Because I am a woman, and because I am a survivor of abuse, they thought I was weak. Well, they were wrong: my adversity has made me passionate for change, passionate to stop bullies.

That is not to say that being intimidated, yelled at and stalked is acceptable or does not take its toll. It does, but I am still here because I have a great team around me on this side who support me, who tell me to keep going. I was elected to serve, and I want to fight for a safer South Australia. That is why I am still here—because I have been elected by my community. I am very sure our community would agree that the behaviour that happened in the Elder campaign and the behaviour that happens in here are not acceptable.

In what other workplace does a person get yelled at nonstop when they talk? I want to call out just one of these occasions. During one grievance I delivered in this place, some of the regulars from the Labor Party who normally would yell at me had departed the chamber. The leader of the Labor Party remained, and on this occasion the leader took up the job of constantly interrupting and yelling at me, so much so that the Deputy Speaker had to ask me to sit down while he asked the leader to stop. I shared this particular video on Facebook.

This is the culture I have seen across this chamber and it needs to stop. Labor Party, you need to treat women better. There are plenty of issues that need fixing in this state after a diabolical 16 years of Labor, and I ask the Labor Party to stop their bullying and harassment of people. I urge them to use their time to develop valuable policy to solve problems in our state so that the South Australian community has a better future.

The March 4 Justice in Adelaide called for change. It called for more respectful behaviour. It called for an end to male privilege. We are calling for change by calling for this committee. I am asking for change. Let us move forward with sound policy and debate and identify common ground that is good for South Australians. Identifying what will benefit South Australians and debating the best way to achieve this is what we have been elected for.

Today, the member for West Torrens has been interrupting and name-calling while our Attorney-General spoke and put forward her argument for this committee to examine how to put a stop to bullying, harassment and racism. Again, the Labor Party behaviour is shameful. It is shameful today. They just do not get it. But it is time for change and I ask them to listen and work with us. I believe the people who represent the community in this place should be people passionate about the best outcomes for South Australians and for South Australia.

Today, as the member for Lee made his contribution he made personal attacks on the Attorney-General throughout his debate. This is why we are pursuing this option: to call out the people who are responsible for the terrible treatment of women. I believe that people in this place should be of different genders, different cultural backgrounds and different beliefs to best represent the diversity and lived experience there in our community today. All those people from different backgrounds need voices in decision-making.

People who are candidates and people who are members do not deserve to be bullied and harassed. There is no place for it in this place. As community leaders, we should be demonstrating tolerance and respectful behaviour. This is why I support this motion: to find ways to help this place set a better standard for behaviour and treatment of individuals who represent or attempt to represent their community. To give the community the best chance to choose the right representatives, we

must create a clear, respectful place for people to speak, for people to be heard and for us to identify where the common ground is—the best outcomes for South Australians.

Parliamentary debate and campaigning should not be this brutal. On our side, we are not brutal. We do not apply the same tactics as the Labor Party. I have had a candidate running against me for a little while now and a few people in the community have asked me about her. I have not once attacked her. If people ask me what she is like, I tell them to get in contact with her and ask her what she is about.

I have been elected by my community to work hard and that is what I attempt to do every day. That is my focus, and in the end, in 2022 at the next election, it will be the community's choice to make a decision about who will work the hardest to represent them in this place. That is all it is about. Let's not let the lies of Labor continue. You did it again this week: bald lies on your social media. People in my community want to hear how you will help them achieve their ambitions, not how many lies you can tell. I support this motion and hope it will result in a way to identify and weed out those in the Labor Party who need to be held to account for their unfair racist behaviour and ongoing harassment of women.

**The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (17:44):** I rise just briefly to say that I do not support this select committee. I think it is a red herring to get away from the real problem that this state faces, which is the betrayal of the trust that people put in the Premier and the government when they go onto websites. I think that might be behind this.

I want to rise today to apologise to the member for Elder for things that happened in 2014. I did not have anything to do with the pamphlet that went out—I was busy running my own campaign in 2014—but I do have sympathy and empathy for what you went through. These things are called shit sheets and they are called shit sheets for a reason. I think both sides of parliament over the years have done them. I certainly had one out on me in the 2018 campaign in that final week, though it was nowhere near as harmful to my personality and to my person as the one to you.

As a member of the Labor Party, I want to apologise to you. I think you are a very decent person. You are the only member in this place who sent my dog Dusty a Christmas card last year and you will always be held in high esteem for doing that. I think we do need to be better. We do get a bit combative in here. I must apologise to the environment minister for some of the things that we have had a bit of a crack at each other over when we have become a bit fired up over the years. I thought we actually got some good stuff done in estimates this year.

One of the best things I think I have done in politics and the thing I got the biggest feedback from was that, 15 minutes after the polling booths closed for the 2018 election, Andy Gilfillan and I sat down at the front bar of the Alma Hotel in Willunga and had a beer together. We had been going toe to toe for 18 months, but we did not have any real blues out on the election campaign. He did not have anything to do with the shit sheet that was put out about me in that final week and I knew that. He said words to that effect the Thursday before the election and I said, 'Look, mate, no offence taken.'

I know you were offended by the publication that was put out in your electorate in 2014. I think we can all do better, but I do not think we need a select committee to work out that we need to do better. I think the events of the past few months that we have seen in federal parliament and the report that was tabled in this house just a few weeks ago are a bit of a warning to all of us that we all need to lift our game, but I do not think we need a select committee. Thank you for your time and, again, my apologies to the member for Elder for those events in 2014.

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (17:47):** I appreciate the opportunity to rise in support of the creation of this select committee here in the House of Assembly. I rise today not as the member for Black and not as the Minister for Environment and Water but as a long-term friend of the member for Elder. She and I met in November 2010 when we were both sworn in as councillors in the City of Marion. We have known each other now for more than a decade. Our birthdays are in the same week—she is older than me—and we take an annual birthday photograph and compare the impact that politics has had on us year on year.

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** She's doing better than you.

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS:** Is she, though? I don't know. She is not a minister yet. The fact is that we have walked the journey of public life together not as colleagues but as exceptionally good

friends and close friends for a decade. We have supported each other through a number of difficult events in both our lives during the past decade. It is a pleasure to be able to call her a close personal friend and to have formed a similar friendship with her husband, Brad, who is in the gallery today. I saw firsthand the tremendously negative impact that the flyer distributed by the Labor Party in the 2014 state election campaign had on the member for Elder at the time. She is someone whose resilience is greater than almost anyone else I know, but I saw the trauma that this flyer caused.

The fact is that it was a direct racist attack on her heritage and culture and on the family she is so close to and is so shaped by, and the bonds with her family. I know her family, I know her mum and dad as well. I saw how this flyer was distributed with the aim of costing her votes by tying her heritage to Middle Eastern terrorism. I have no doubt about that. The opposition continually say that it was not meant to be racist—it absolutely was. If it was not meant to be racist there would be a flyer that said 'Can you trust Speirs?' distributed in the seat of Bright.

We often forget the issue that was beyond the racism in this flyer, and that was the raising of council rates, something that the member for Elder and I voted against when we were on the City of Marion council. However, council rates did rise while we were on the council and that flyer was positioned to undermine trust in the member for Elder, a candidate at the time, based on her vote. Why was there not one distributed in the seat of Bright with tartan in the background and Scottish hills and sheep and things like that? That would not have had the same impact because it was not about the council rate rises: it was about trying to draw negative connotations between the member for Elder's heritage, her Lebanese heritage, her Middle Eastern heritage, and the voters' perceptions of our candidate in the seat of Elder in the 2014 state election.

What that demonstrated was a dark underbelly in the Labor Party of South Australia. Members of the Labor Party may chuckle and they may stand with their arms folded and arrogantly give a confected apology, as we saw on the weekend from Reggie Martin. There was no sincerity in that apology, in my view. I have no doubt that he was commanded by the leadership of the party to get out there and try to take the heat out of this because the former member for Elder, Annabel Digance, had gone feral on them.

That is exactly what had happened. I do not believe that the former member for Elder, Annabel Digance, was as innocent as she makes out in this but perhaps through this select committee there will be an opportunity to hear her side of the story and to question her. Perhaps she will have more to say about the fear and the intimidation and the bullying that she believes and she claims occurred to her personally at the hands of the bullyboys in Labor.

They are not my words and that is not my interpretation. I listened to the 891 interview a few days ago and I heard the words from Annabel Digance. Annabel was someone I knew in a professional sense, having a seat that was fairly close to hers and also having spent four years as a colleague in the House of Assembly with her. I have no reason to disbelieve that Annabel Digance was bullied or was fearful and was intimidated by bullies within the Labor Party. That is what Annabel Digance has put on the public record now. Perhaps in the coming weeks she will have the opportunity or she will desire to put out more information about who treated her poorly and where that came from.

Let me say that the racist attack on the current member for Elder in the 2014 state election was not the only horrendous behaviour that occurred in that campaign towards the member for Elder. It actually occurred in the 2018 election as well. I think one of the bravest things that the member for Elder did—and it is a testament to her resilience—was actually run the gauntlet again in 2018 and win that seat from the Labor Party. Because she was treated so appallingly in 2014, to front up again and to seek to represent her community again was a phenomenal exercise in strength and resilience.

The member for Elder ran again in 2018, despite what had gone before in the 2014 election. It was not just the racist attacks. She was bullied, she was followed and she was videoed by Annabel Digance's husband, Greg, on numerous occasions throughout that campaign. He creepily followed her around on election day with his iPhone held up. It was misogynistic behaviour, no doubt about that. She was harassed. She was called names.

She was threatened throughout the campaign, again by Greg Digance on numerous occasions but also by an employee within the office of Annabel Digance, a long-term employee of

the South Australian Labor Party whose name sadly escapes me, but hopefully someone else will provide his name so it goes onto the public record and is recorded in *Hansard*. My point is that this was a racist attack. This was a calculated attack created by Mr Picton, approved by Reggie Martin and concocted by the Labor Party of South Australia with one aim: to attack the heritage and the family lines of the member for Elder. That is a cruel, disgusting, disgraceful episode in South Australia's political history.

I am so glad that the member for Elder stood in 2018. She stood up to the bullies. She endured the behaviour of Annabel and Greg Digance again. She put up with the continued creepy stalking of Labor Party members right through that 2018 campaign and she won her seat. And today she represents her community with dignity, decency, creativity and pride. The constituents of the seat of Elder should be immensely proud to have someone like the member for Elder standing up for their interests, and I hope that this select committee can get to the bottom of the cruel, dark underbelly of the South Australian Labor Party.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Planning and Local Government) (17:58):** I thank all members for their contributions on this motion. I think there is an important matter of principle here. We do need to get to the bottom of this issue and we do need to set another standard. I thank all members for their contribution, and I thank those from the Labor Party—and there were several speakers—who acknowledged that the behaviour from the Australian Labor Party was suboptimal, not appropriate and clearly did cause personal harm and hurt to the now member for Elder. It was unforgivable treatment. I do urge members to support this motion.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes ..... 22  
Noes ..... 19  
Majority ..... 3

#### AYES

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

#### NOES

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

#### PAIRS

Pederick, A.S.	Piccolo, A.
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Motion carried.

*Sitting suspended from 18:04 to 19:30.*

*Bills***CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SAFETY) (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL***Committee Stage*

In committee.

(Continued from 30 March 2021.)

Clause 6.

**Ms HILDYARD:** I move:

Amendment No 6 [Hildyard-1]—

Page 5, lines 8 and 9 [clause 6, inserted section 12B(2)]—Delete 'involving, or relating to, the placement of and substitute:

involving, affecting or relating to

In moving this amendment, I assure the house that similar to what I spoke about yesterday in relation to amendments to this particular clause that I have received representations from various individuals and organisations about the particular clause that is in this bill. Whilst meeting with those particular parties, issues have been raised about the need to improve the bill to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, their families and communities are not just enabled to participate in discussions around the placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, but rather to all the issues involving, affecting and relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

Again, I note the comments by the minister yesterday about her desire to develop a peak body and also her desire to look at particular ways that we can improve this clause. I think that this amendment represents something incredibly important in terms of enabling the active leadership and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, their families and communities in decisions beyond simply decisions relating to placement.

I say again that I think this is an amendment that we could progress forthwith rather than waiting until the conclusion of the next review and the implementation of any changes to the act or any bill that comes out of that next review. I understand from the minister's comments yesterday that it would be anticipated that a future review would conclude in October 2022. If the review concludes, then it may not be until 2023 that potentially a bill comes forth in relation to this issue. I take the minister's point about the need to discuss in a more fulsome way all the issues that could be considered to improve this particular clause.

However, I think these changes are ones that could be quite simply progressed this evening. I think they speak to our desire, as I said before, to truly empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people, their families and communities not just to participate in relation to issues around placement but rather to lead on decisions relating to all aspects of the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. On that basis, I recommend amendment No. 6 to the committee.

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON:** To reiterate my sentiments of yesterday, which have also been described by the member for Reynell, I absolutely respect the member's advocacy on behalf of stakeholder groups. However, just to confirm, we did consult widely in coming up with the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people into this bill. We consulted with our Aboriginal expert advisory committee, which is a group of Aboriginal experts from around the country, which includes April Lawrie, the first ever South Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People.

We did extensive consultation on this. Whilst I have agreed that in 2022, when there is a full review, we will have an open and transparent discussion, we believe that at the moment the Department for Child Protection has invested in the scoping of an Aboriginal peak body for Aboriginal children and young people. I believe they would be well-placed to be part of the determination of the best policy. It is only next year. We think that changing words or sentences on an ad hoc basis here and there is of no value. We need time to consult widely. I have agreed to do that. I have committed

to it on the record. Whilst it is not that I do not agree with the sentiment behind the changes in this amendment and the following amendments, I will be opposing them at this stage and I hope that people can understand why that is.

**Ms HILDYARD:** I think we are probably having a similar conversation to the one focused on issues that we canvassed yesterday. I again just say that I appreciate the desire to look at these in a more fulsome way in the course of time, but I do think that the principle of empowering and enshrining in legislation the right for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families and communities to lead in relation to all decisions relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people is an incredibly important principle that we could pass this evening and then look at all the other issues.

The committee divided on the amendment:

Ayes ..... 20  
Noes ..... 23  
Majority ..... 3

#### AYES

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

#### NOES

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

#### PAIRS

Piccolo, A.	Marshall, S.S.
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Amendment thus negatived.

**Ms HILDYARD:** I move:

Amendment No 7 [Hildyard-1]—

Page 5, line 23 [clause 6, inserted section 12C(2)]—Delete 'affecting' and substitute:  
involving, affecting or relating to

Without going into the detail that I have in relation to other similar clauses, I simply say again that this is about upholding the principle that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should absolutely be empowered to lead all decisions that involve, affect or relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Again, it would be a great step forward for the committee to pass this particular amendment, which represents that really important principle, ahead of further discussions and consultations over the course of the next year and a half, the time frame indicated by the minister—potentially, over the course of the next couple of years—before a further bill is presented to the house that would represent that second review. Again, on the same basis I commend the amendment to the committee.

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON:** I refer to my previous statement regarding amendment No. 6.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I move:

That progress be reported.

The committee divided on the motion:

Ayes ..... 23  
 Noes ..... 21  
 Majority ..... 2

AYES

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

NOES

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

PAIRS

Piccolo, A.	Marshall, S.S.
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Motion thus carried.

Progress reported; committee to sit again.

At 19:55 the house adjourned until Thursday 1 April 2021 at 11:00.



*Answers to Questions***PASTORAL LANDS**

**413 Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (3 March 2021). In relation to the administration of pastoral lands in South Australia:

- (a) Could you provide a list of lease holders and the size of each leased property?
- (b) What is the expected increase in asset value for leaseholders in going from 42-year leases to 100-year leases?

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has advised:

- (a) All pastoral lease titles are available publicly on the South Australian Integrated Land Information System.
- (b) The value of the asset is not determined by its lease term, but what the land is used for and the effectiveness of that business operation.

**CHILD PROTECTION, RICE INQUIRY**

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (4 March 2021).

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised:

I am regularly briefed by my chief executive on significant incidents and further work is currently being undertaken, in line with the recommendations of the Rice review, and with the support of a nominated senior solicitor from the Crown Solicitor's Office, to review and refine procedures and policy covering the reporting of these matters.